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Fome Guild

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A-rank Hunter, Guild Master
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Esil the
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MY EYES,
MY NECK,
AND THEN MY
HEART—

HIS AIM
IS VERY
PRECISE.



LOW-RANK DEMON
= D-RANK



MID-RANK DEMON
= C-RANK



HIGH-RANK DEMON
= B-RANK



HIGHEST-RANK
DEMON = A-RANK



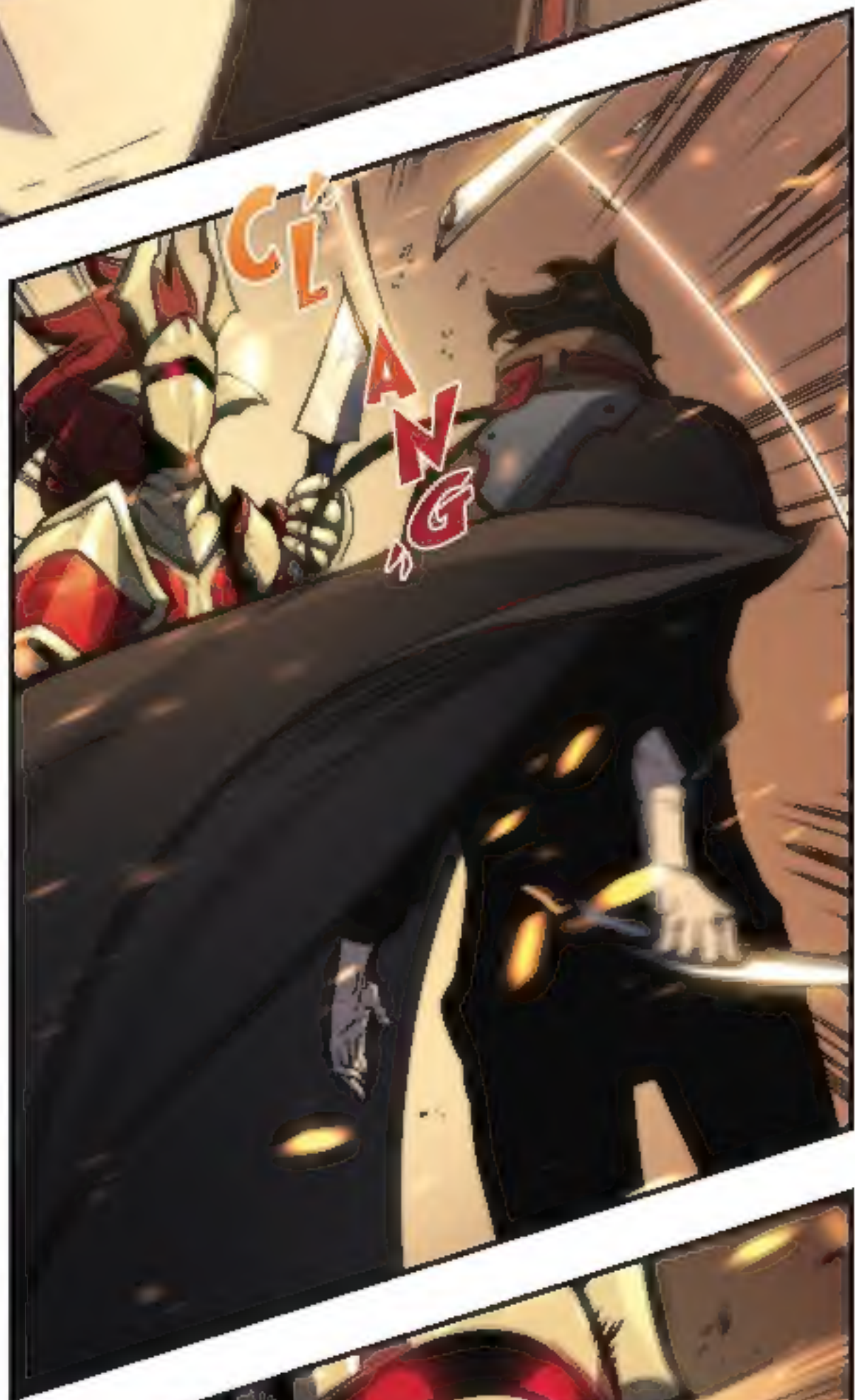
ARCHDEMON
= A+-RANK
DEMON KNIGHT



DEMON NOBLE
= S-RANK
MIDDLE BOSS



GUESS
THAT SUMS UP
THE LEVELS OF
THE DEMON'S
CASTLE.





STRANGELY,
QUITE A NUMBER
OF DEMONS SPEAK
HUMAN LANGUAGES
THESE DAYS.

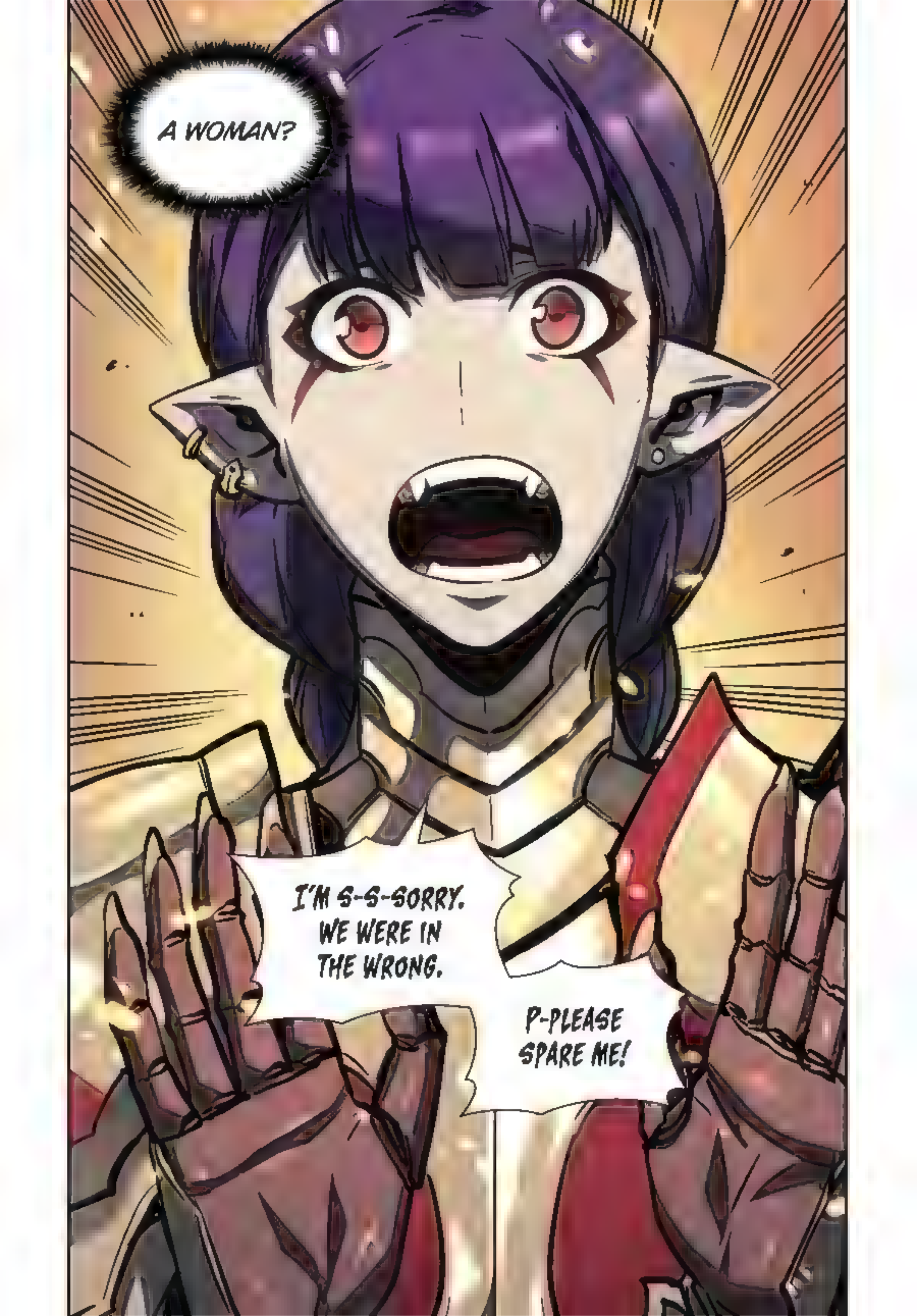


THAT
VOICE...



ARE
YOU...?

AH...
AHH!



A WOMAN?

I'M S-S-SORRY.
WE WERE IN
THE WRONG.

P-PLEASE
SPARE ME!



ARE YOU ASKING FOR MERCY AFTER YOU ATTACKED MY SOLDIERS?

I-I'VE COMMITTED AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN!



BUT IT IS MY FAMILY'S DUTY TO PROTECT THIS PLACE, AND WE COULDN'T JUST STAND BY WHILE OUR KIND WERE HUNTED BY THOSE BAST—

NO!
I MEAN...

...BY THOSE SOLDIERS. I WILL FOREVER BE INDEBTED TO YOU IF YOU SPARE ME.

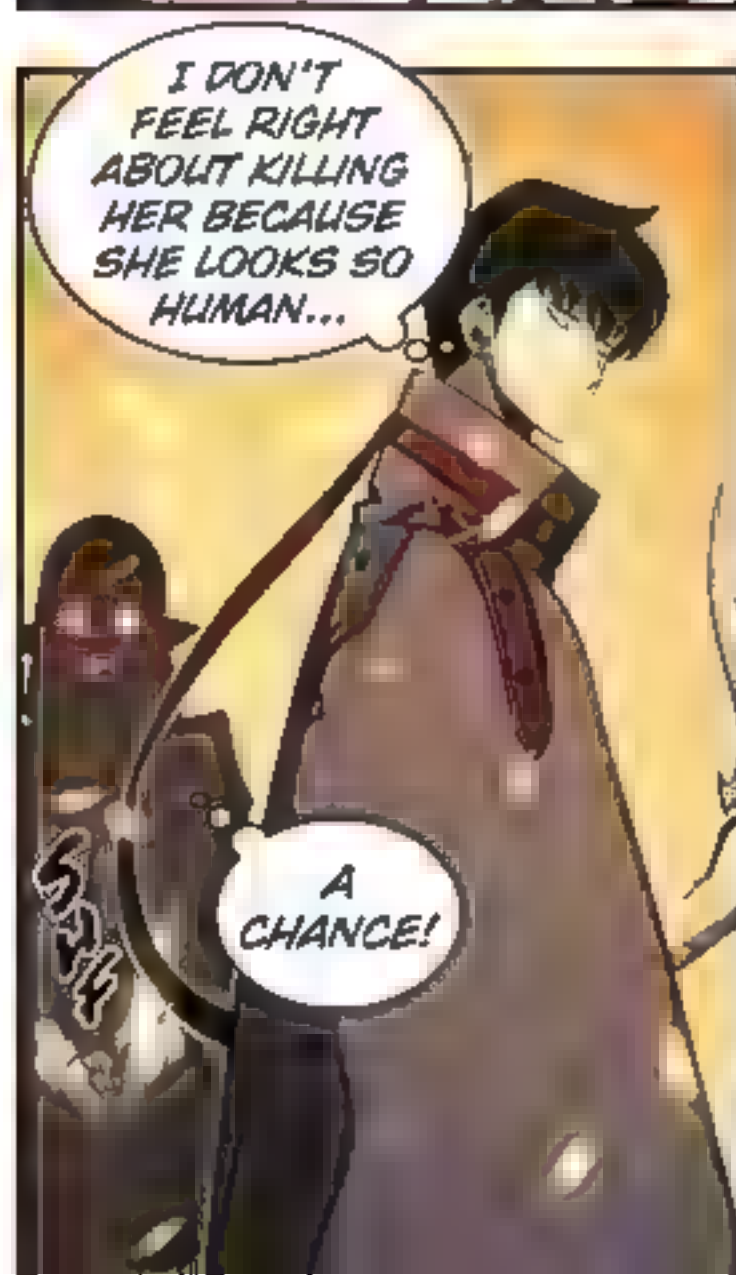


HOW CAN YOU ASK SOMEONE WHO KILLED YOUR SOLDIERS TO SPARE YOUR LIFE?

IT IS THE KNIGHTS' DUTY TO PROTECT THEIR MASTER. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE MY SAFE RETURN.

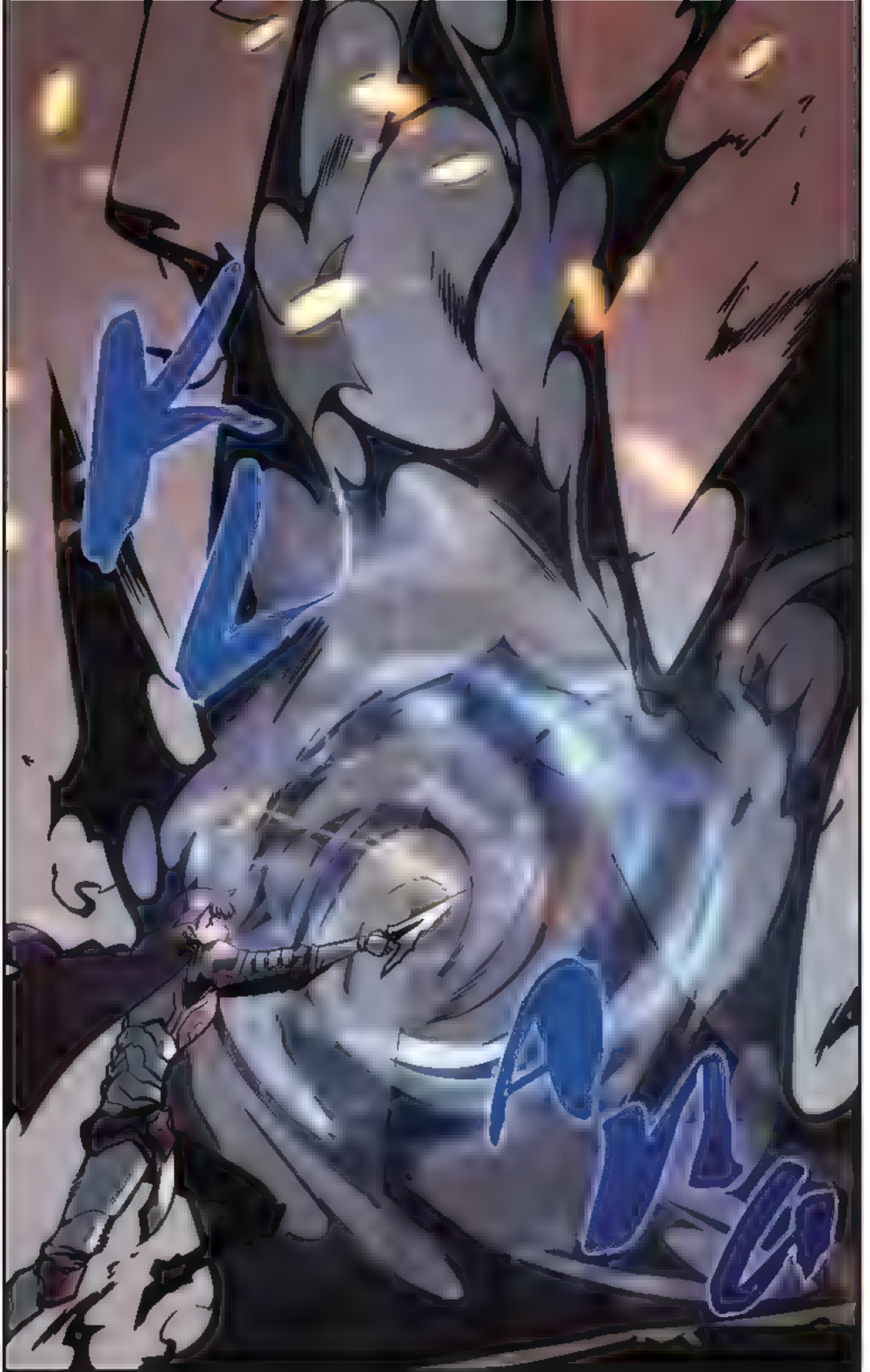


WHAT A SELFISH PERSON... OR SHOULD I SAY, DEMON.

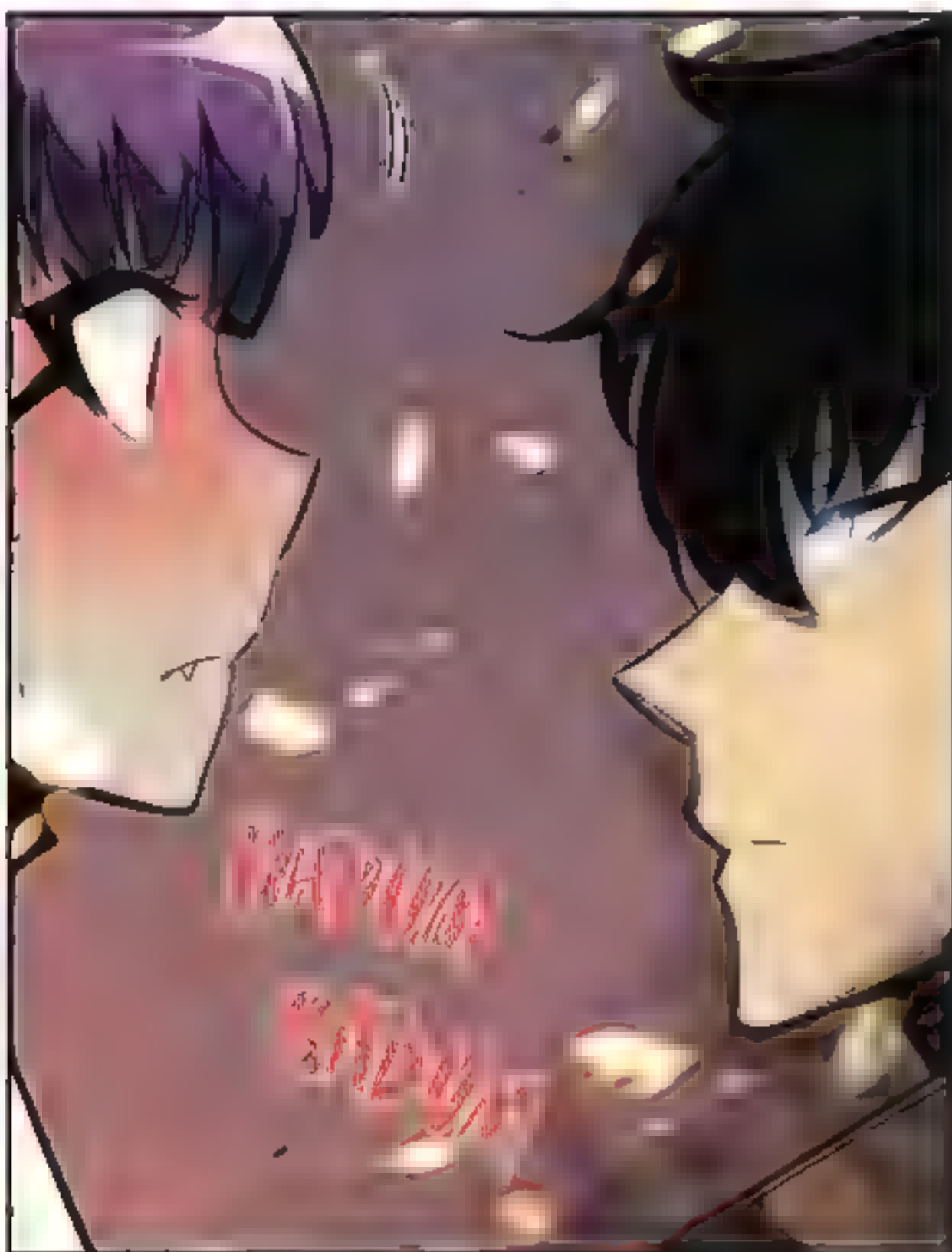
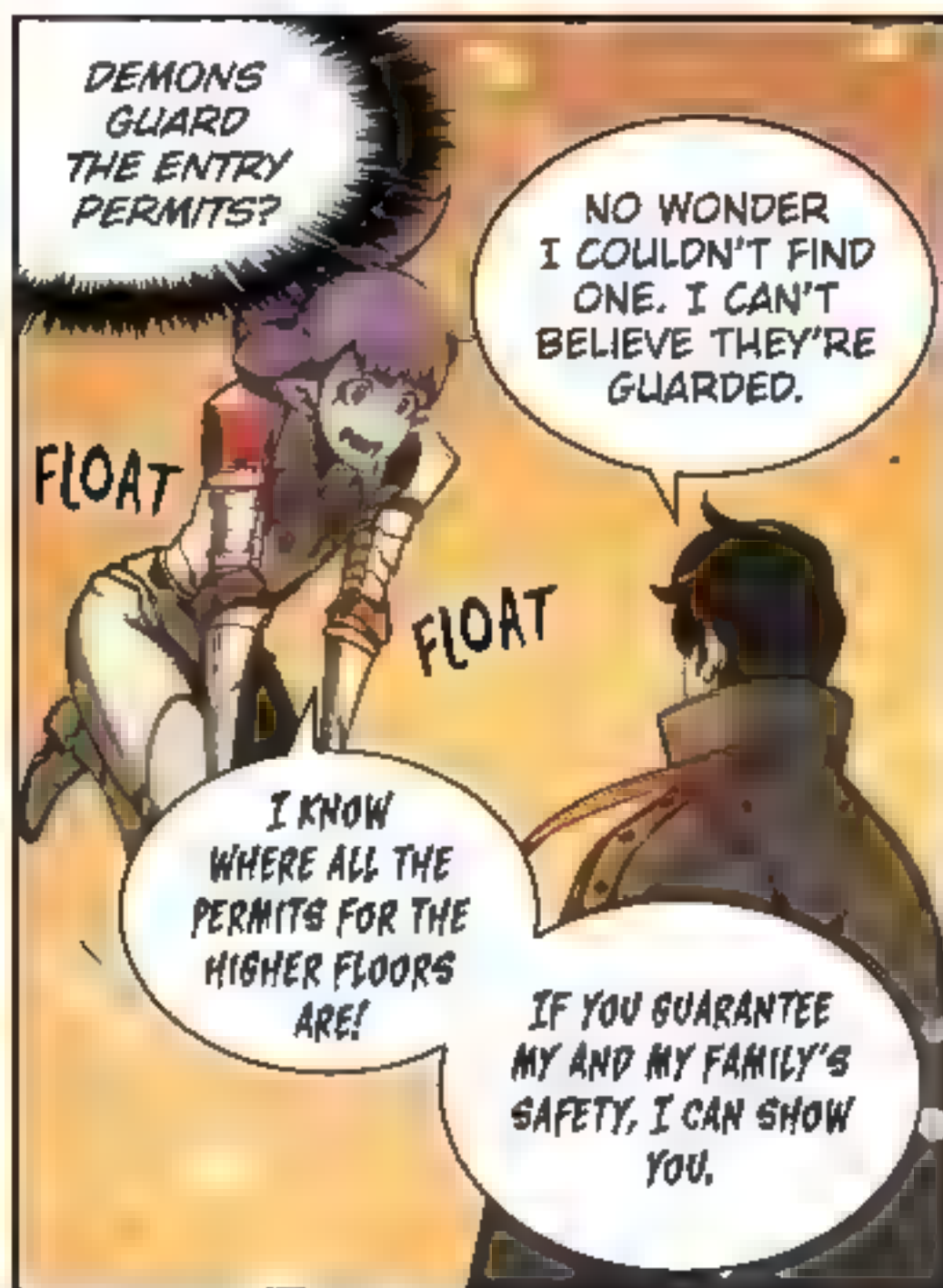
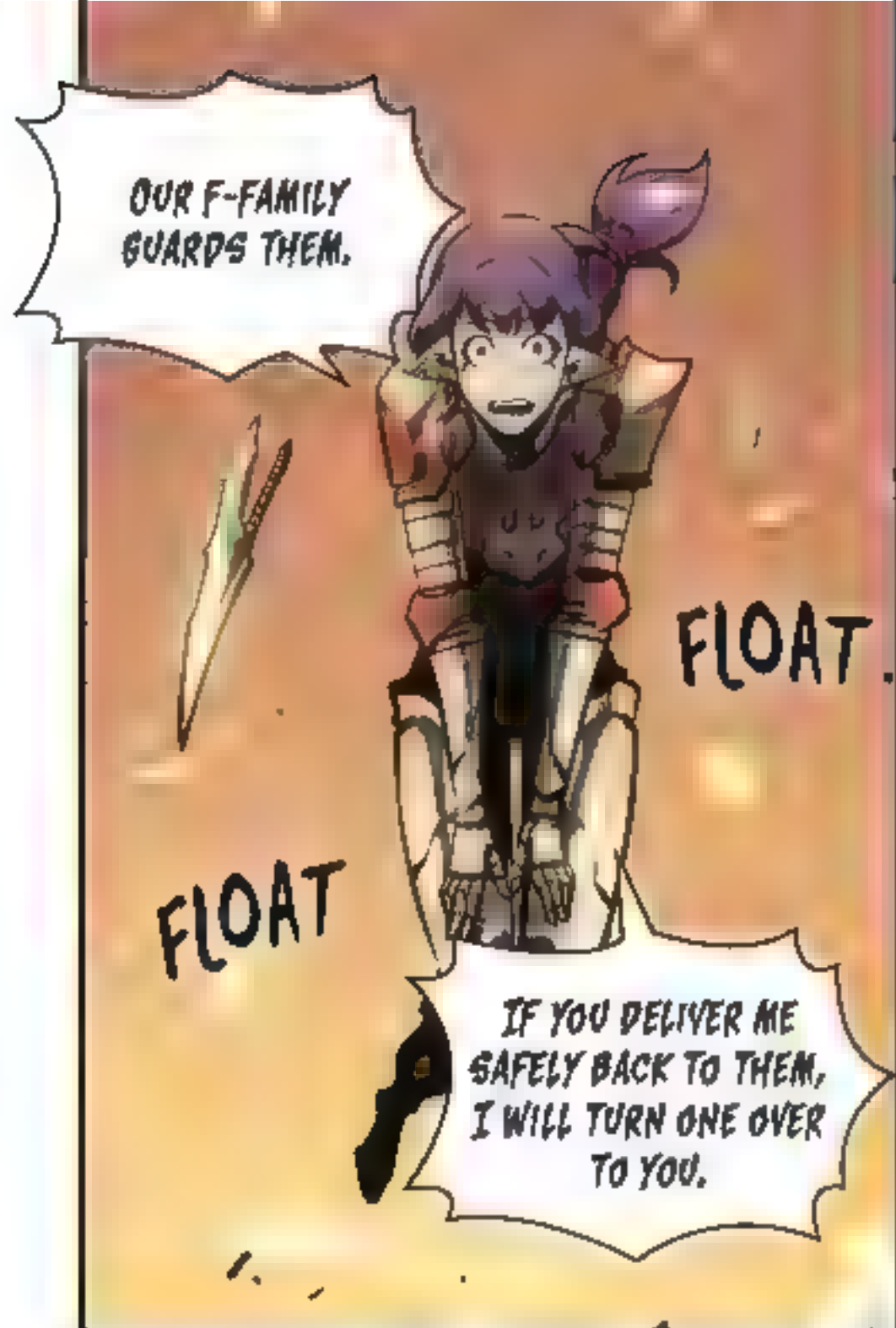


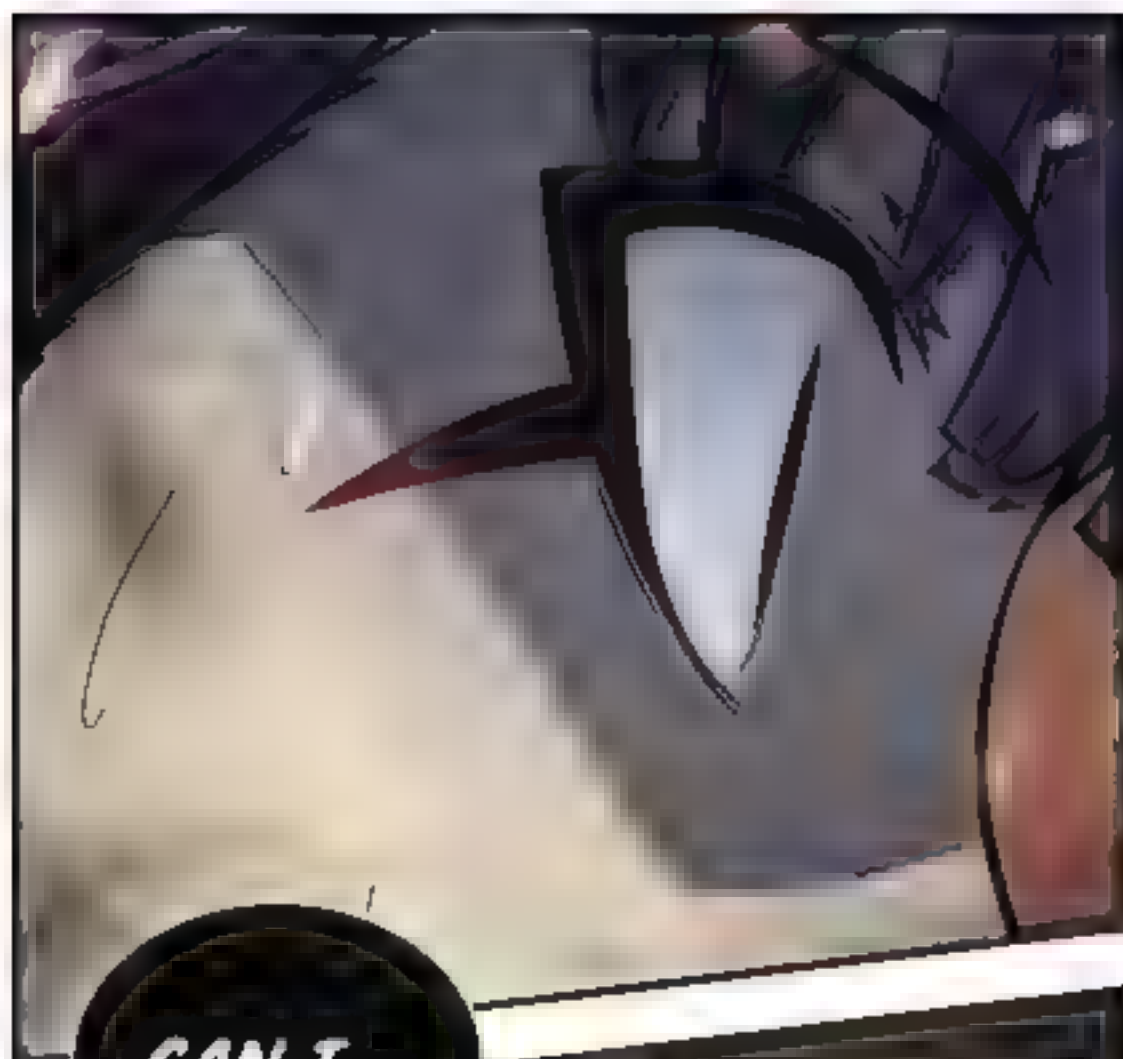
I DON'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT KILLING HER BECAUSE SHE LOOKS SO HUMAN...

A CHANCE!









CAN I...



...TRUST
YOU?

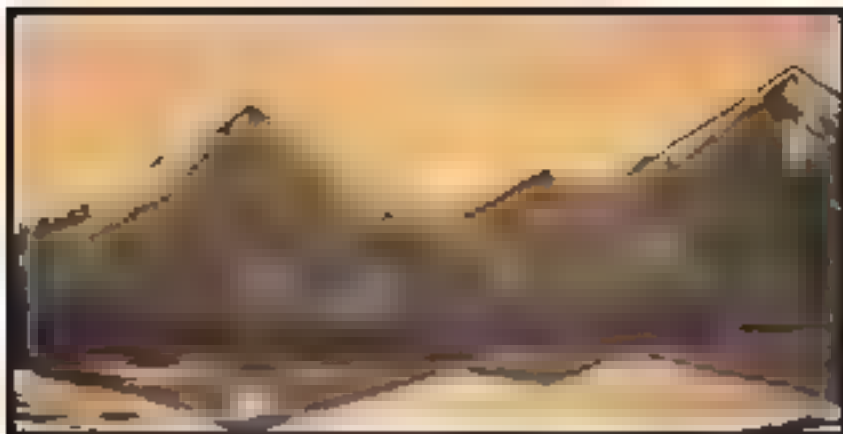
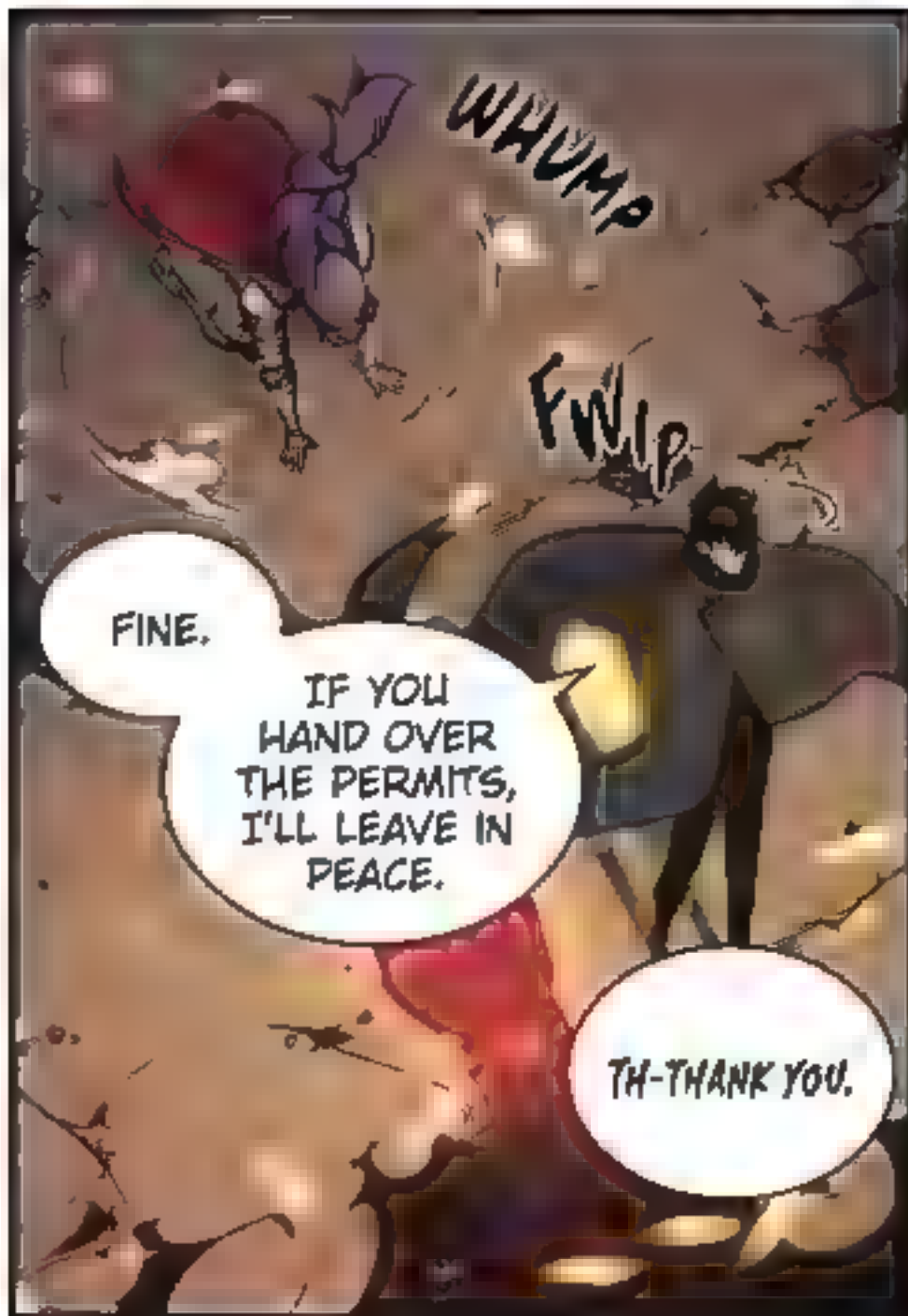


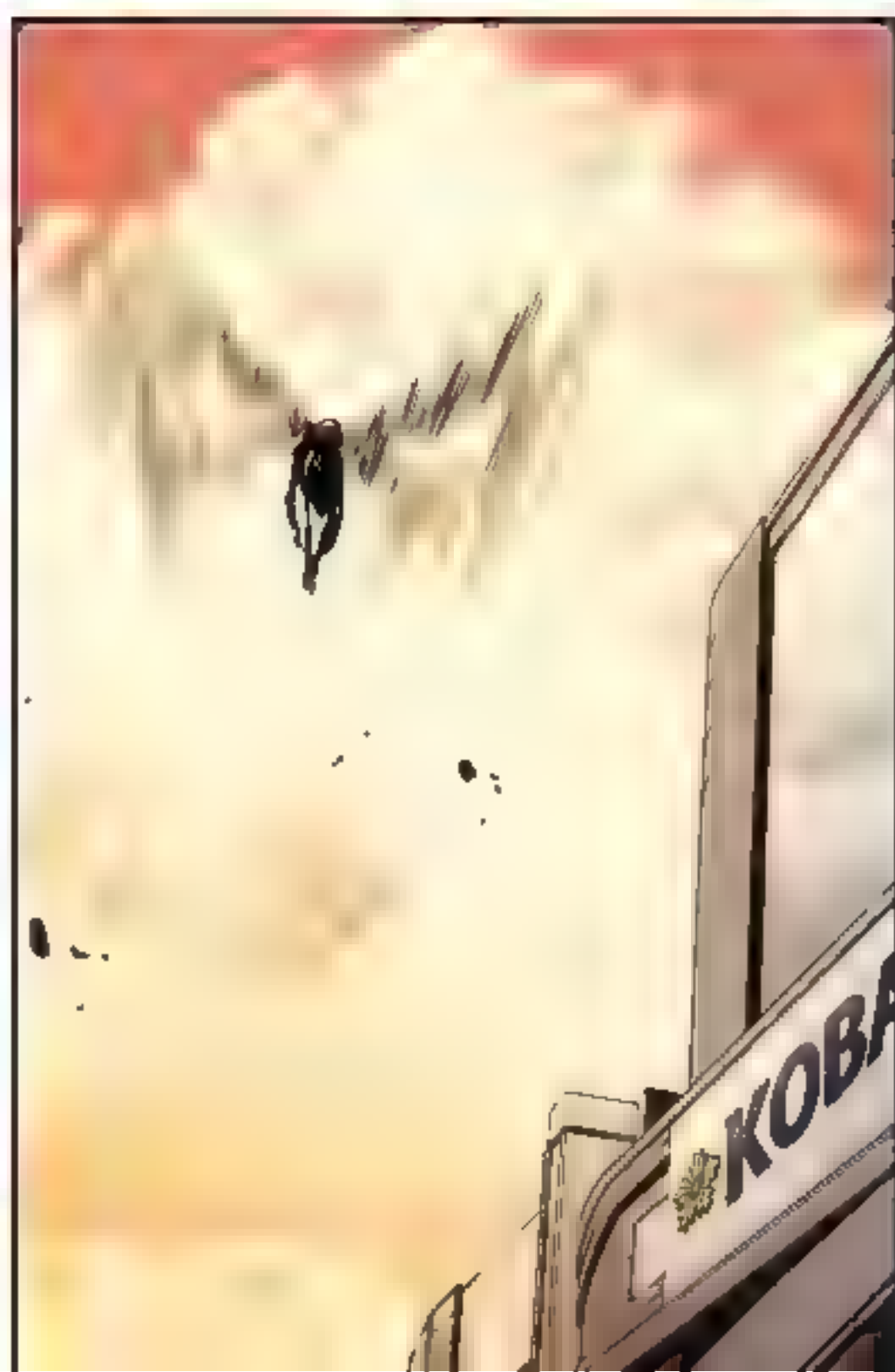
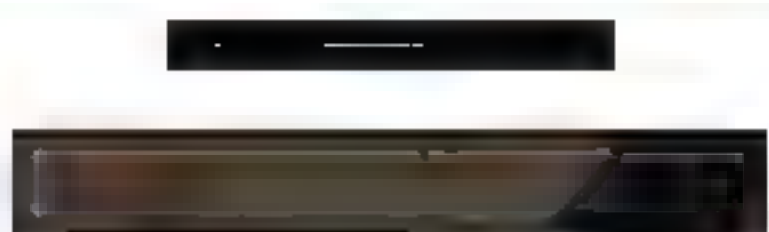
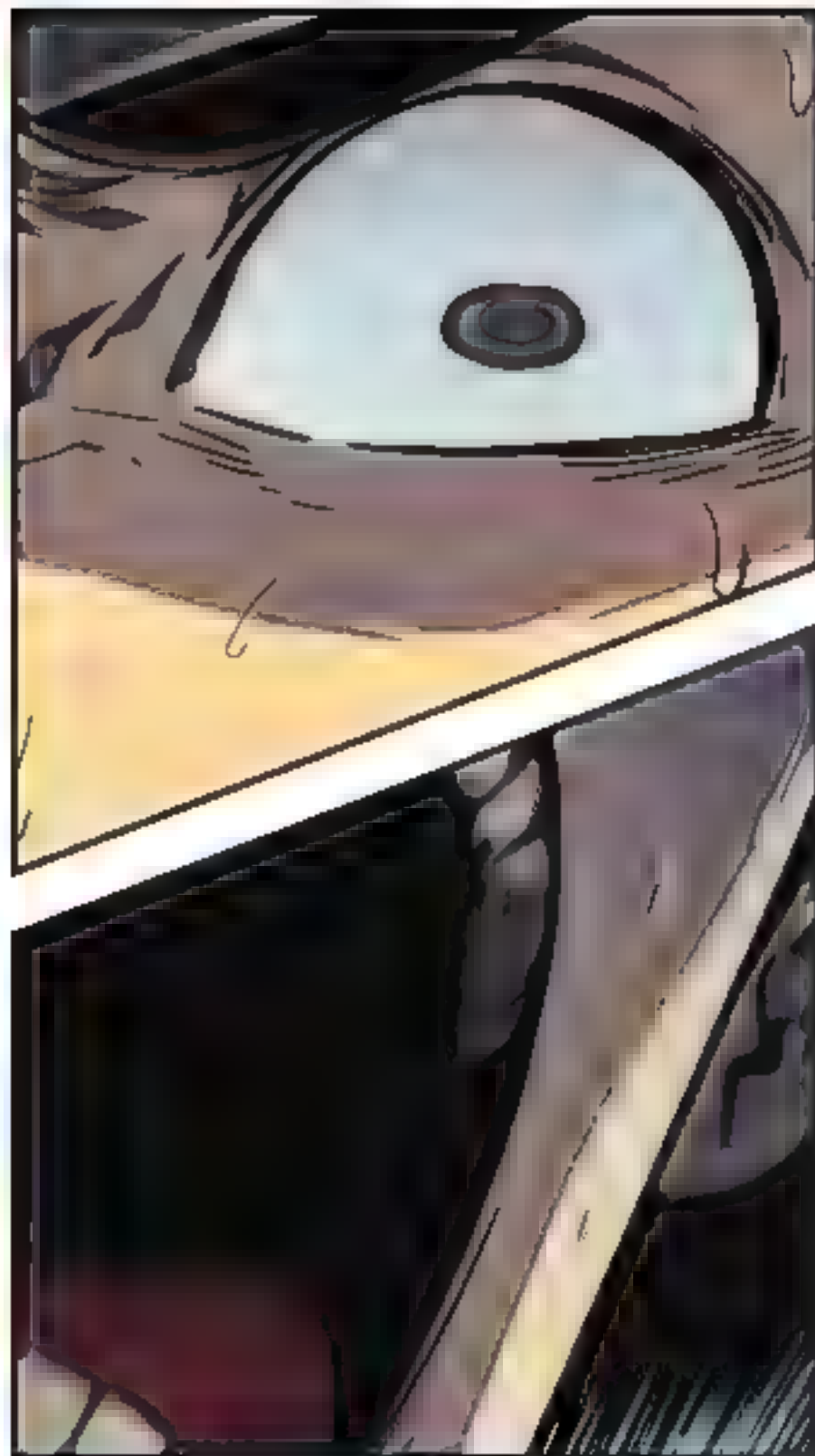
I S-S-SPEAK
THE TRUTH.

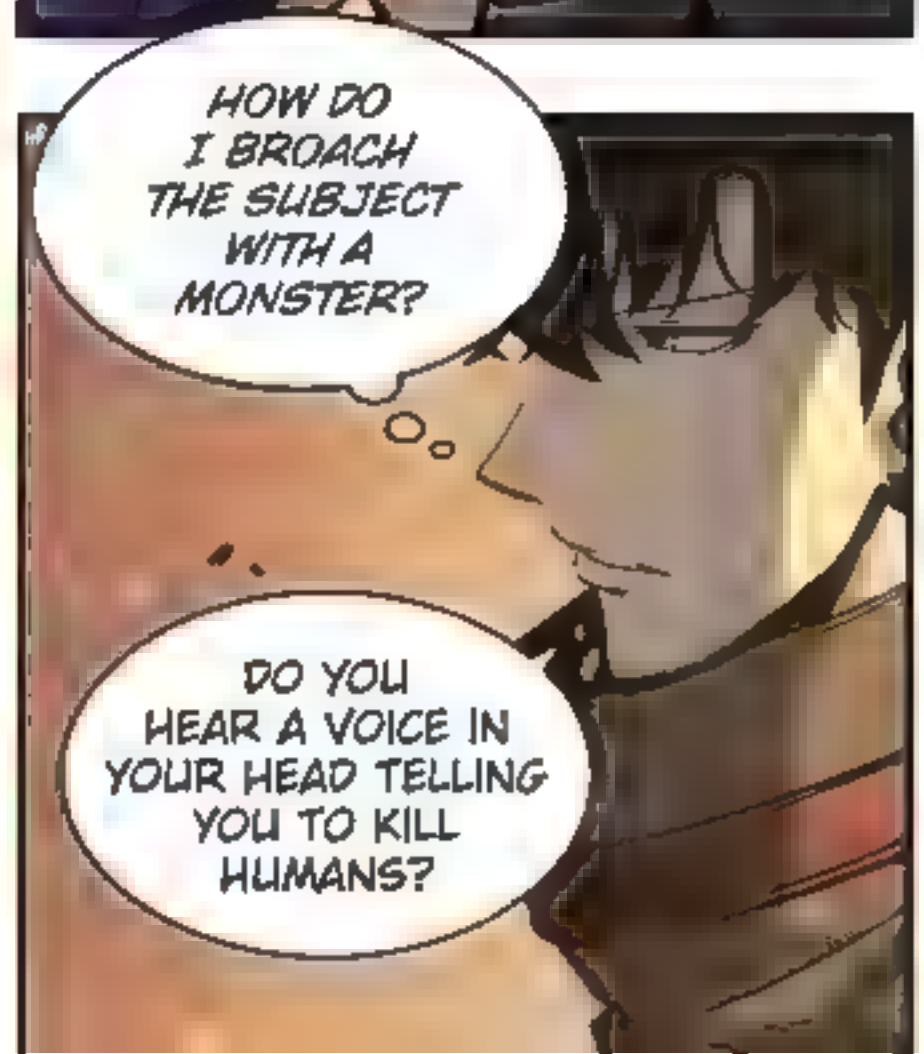
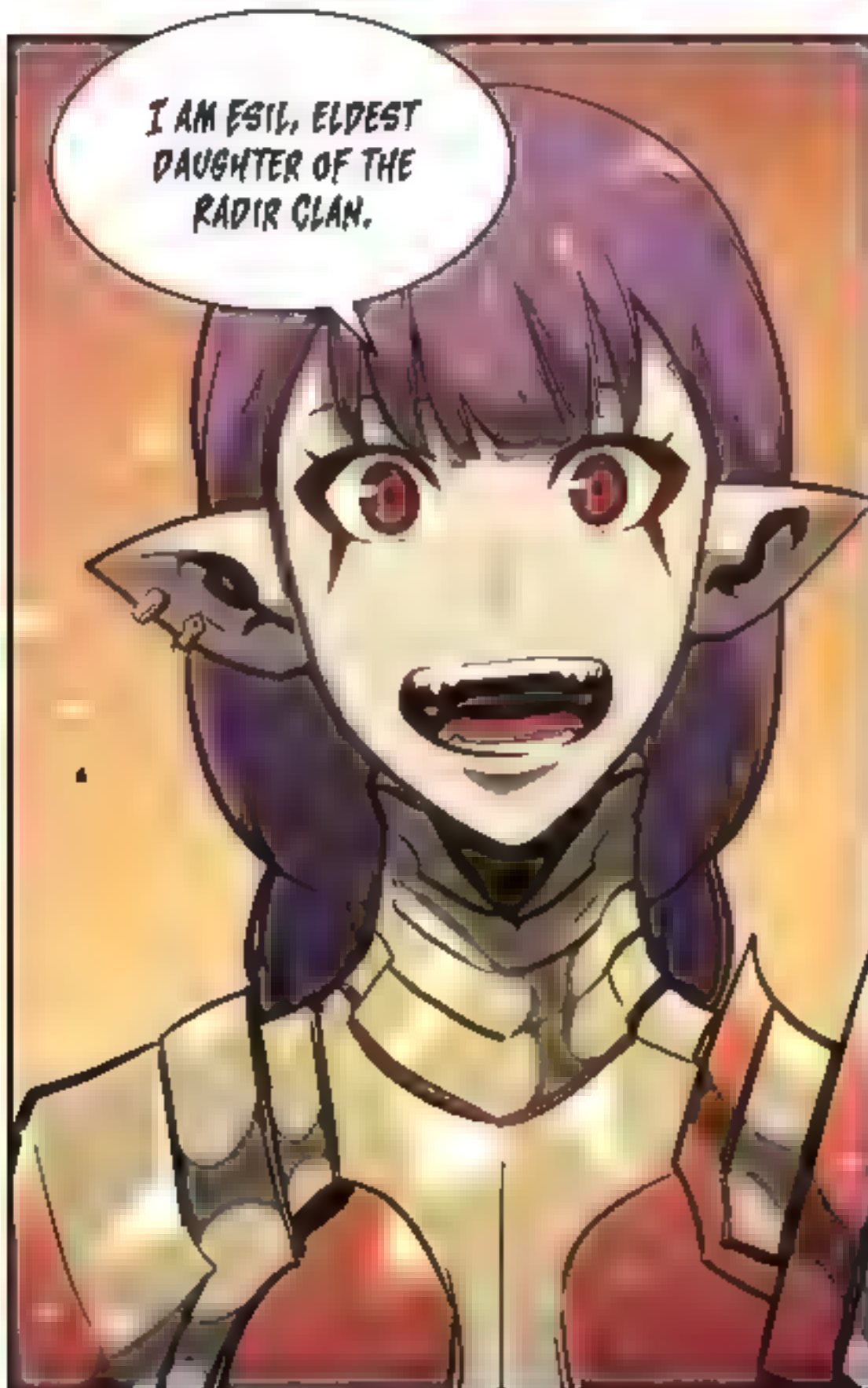
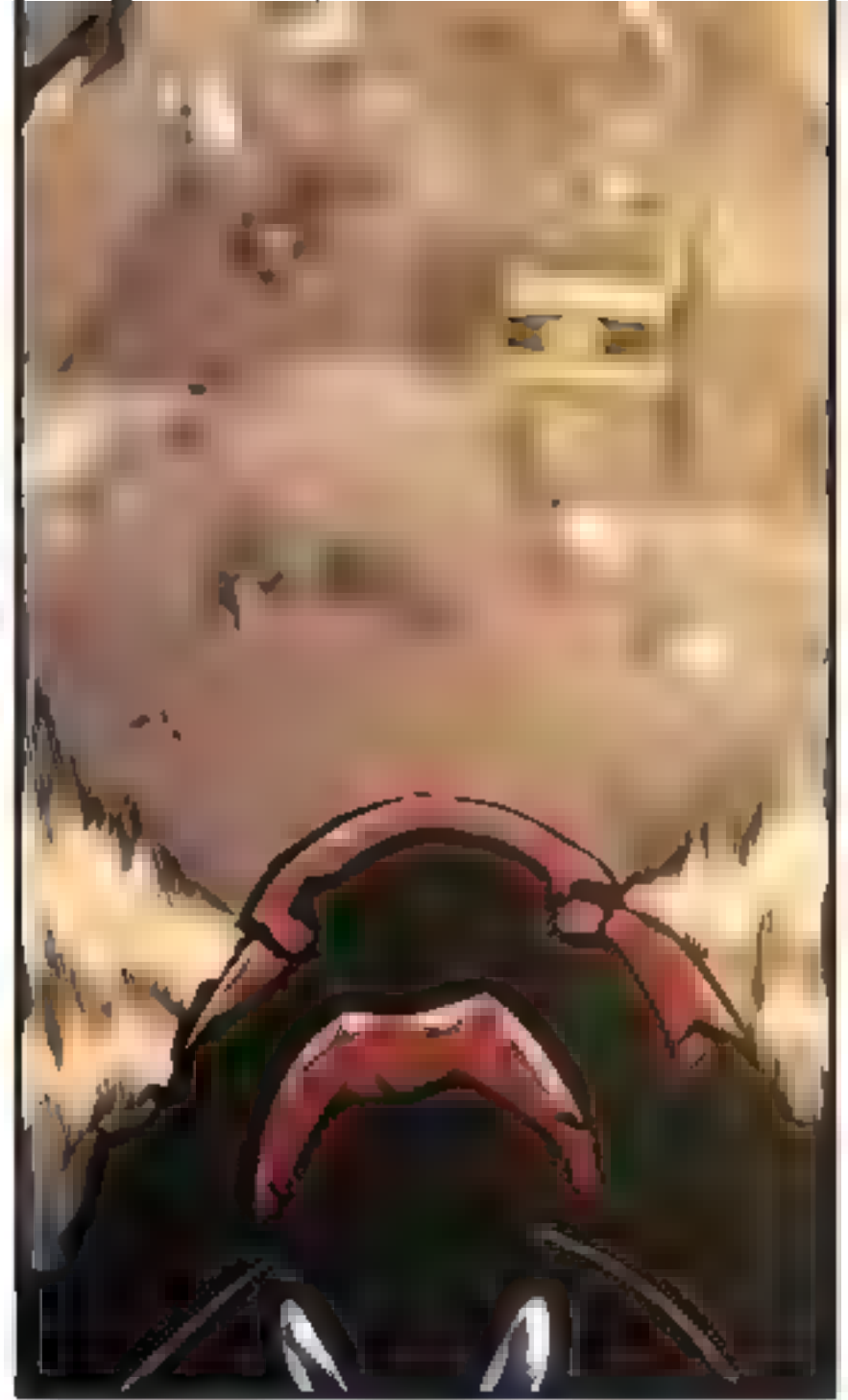
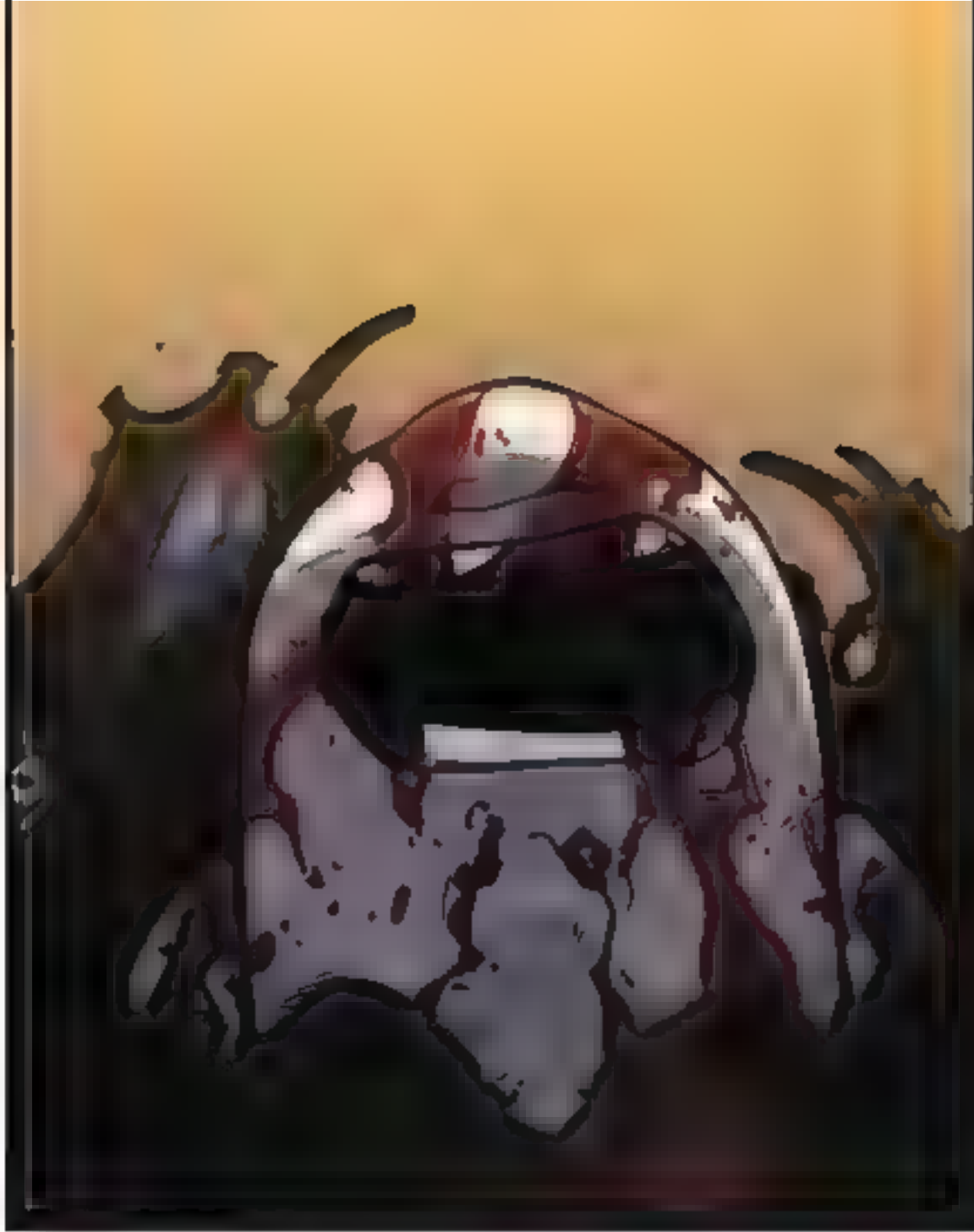
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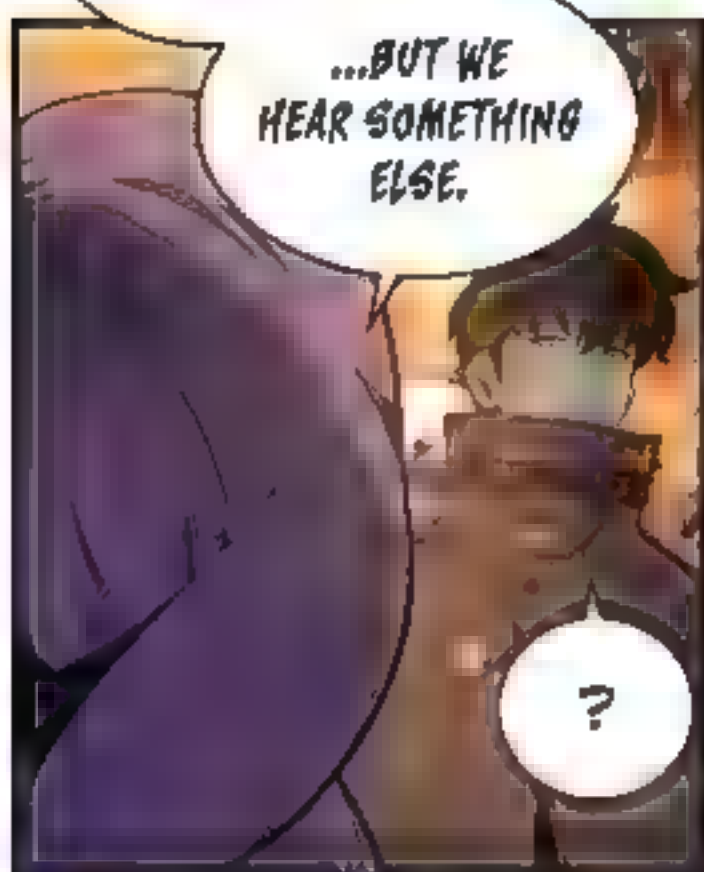
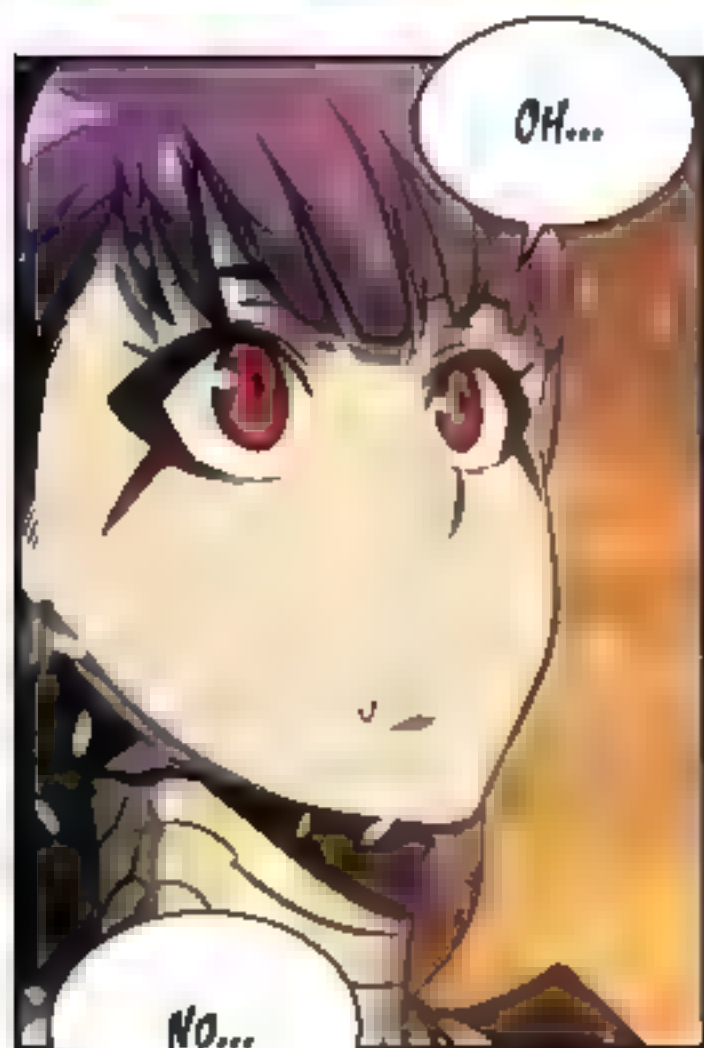
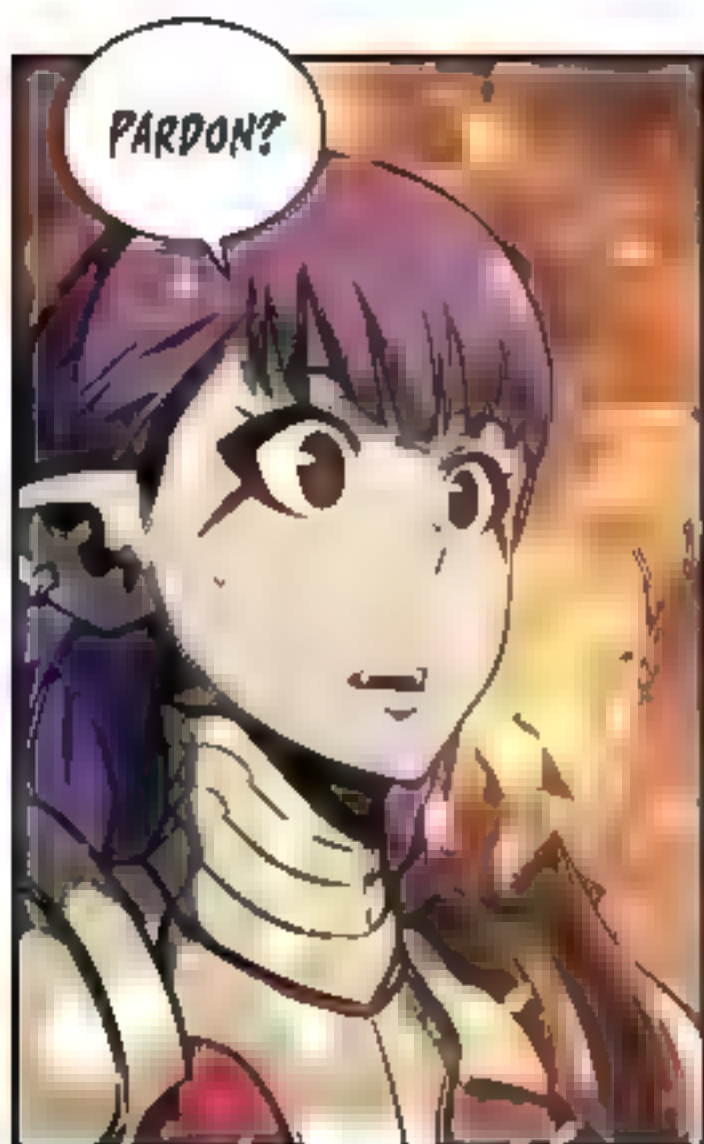


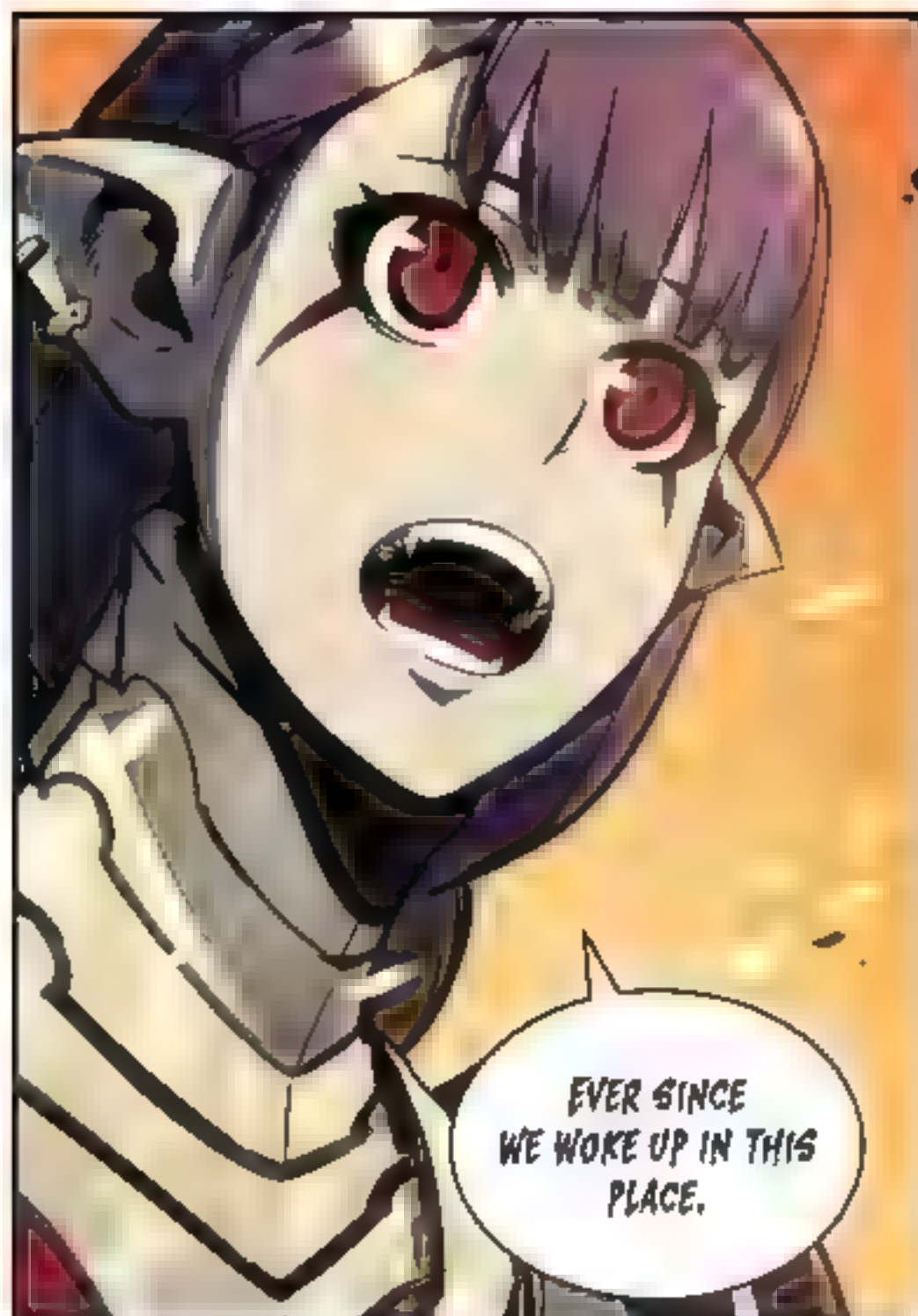
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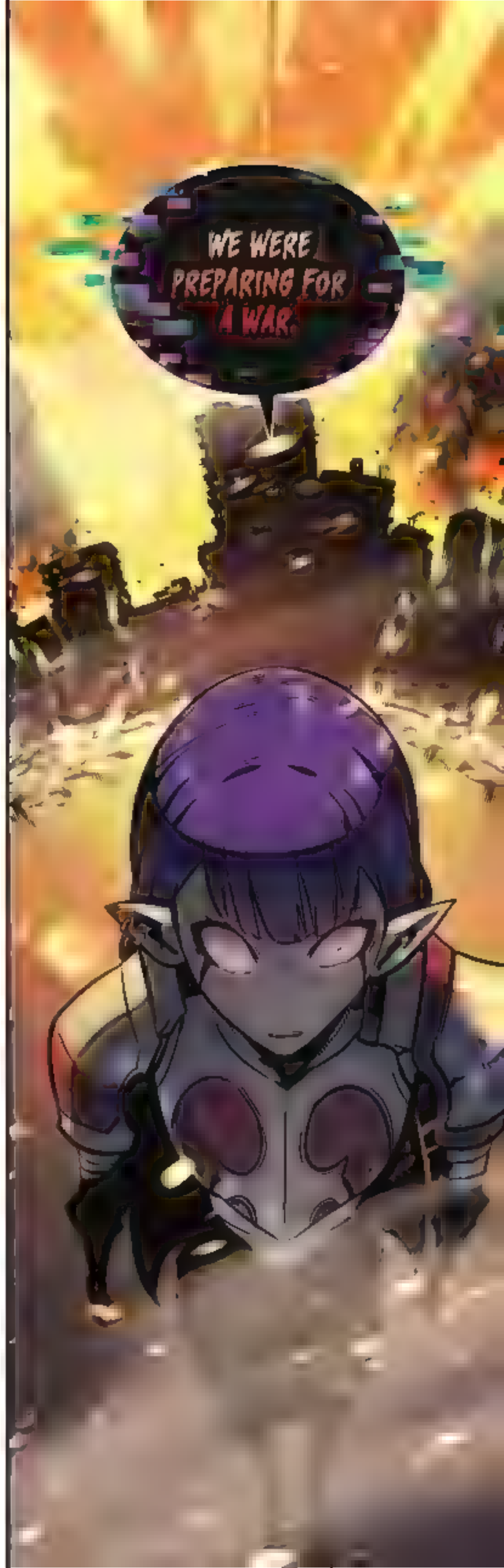
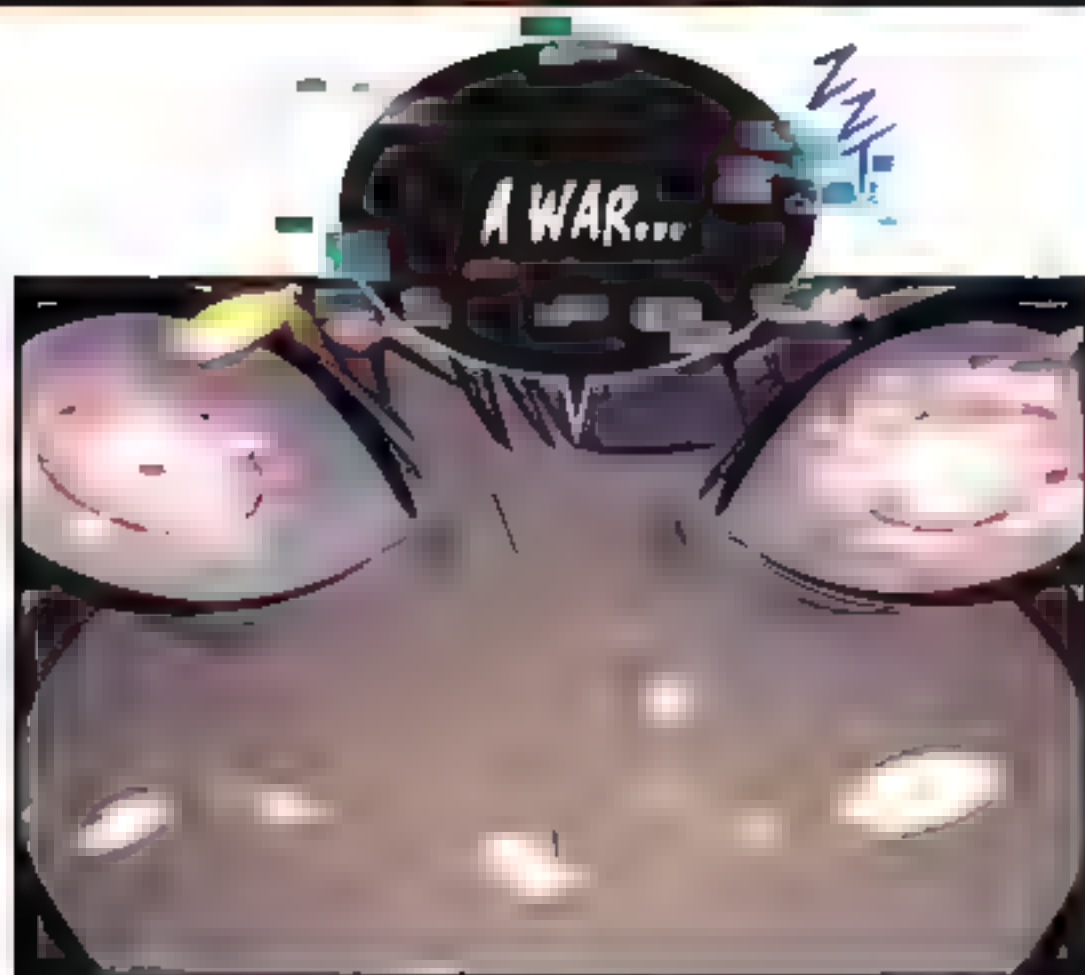


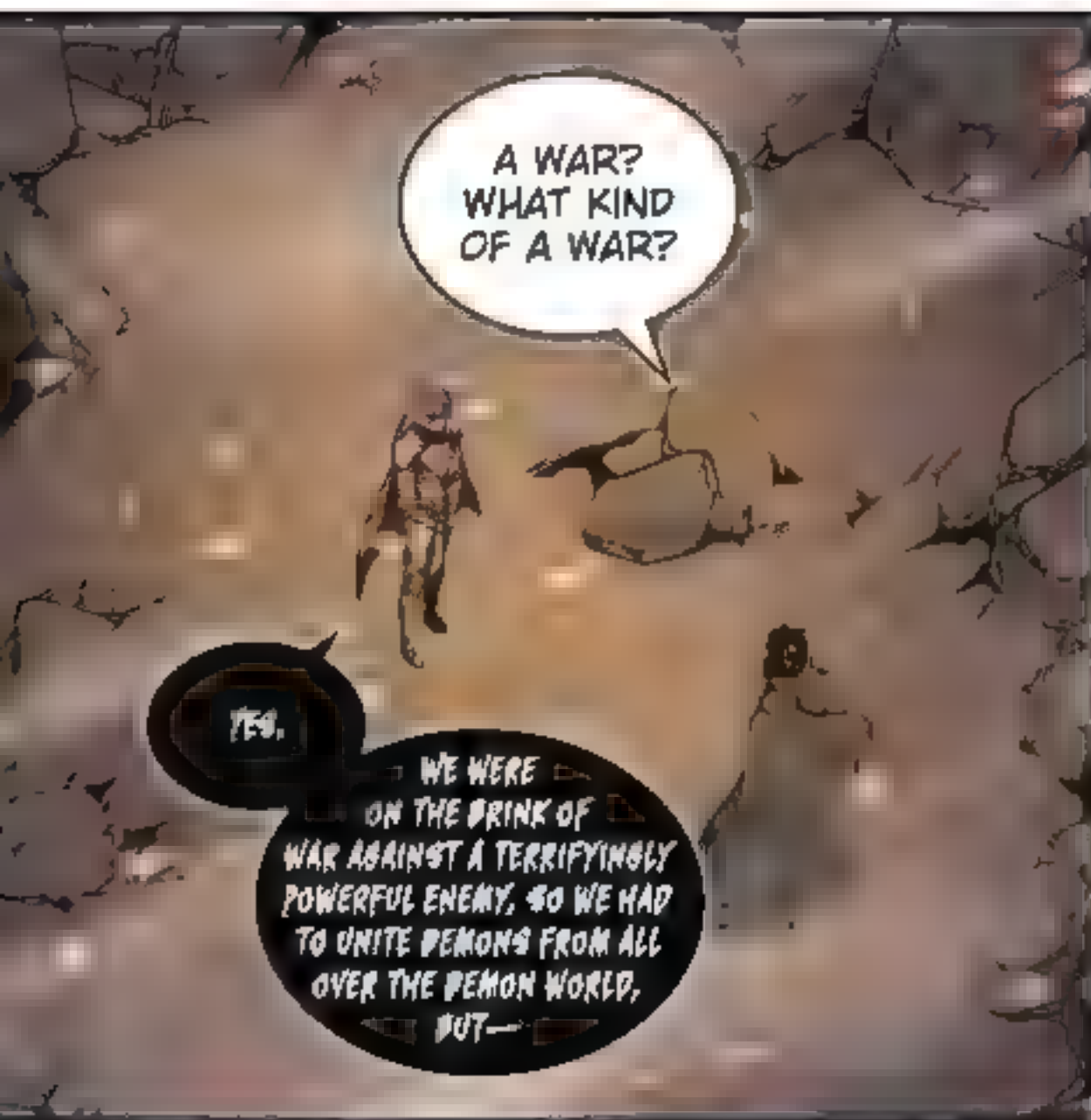












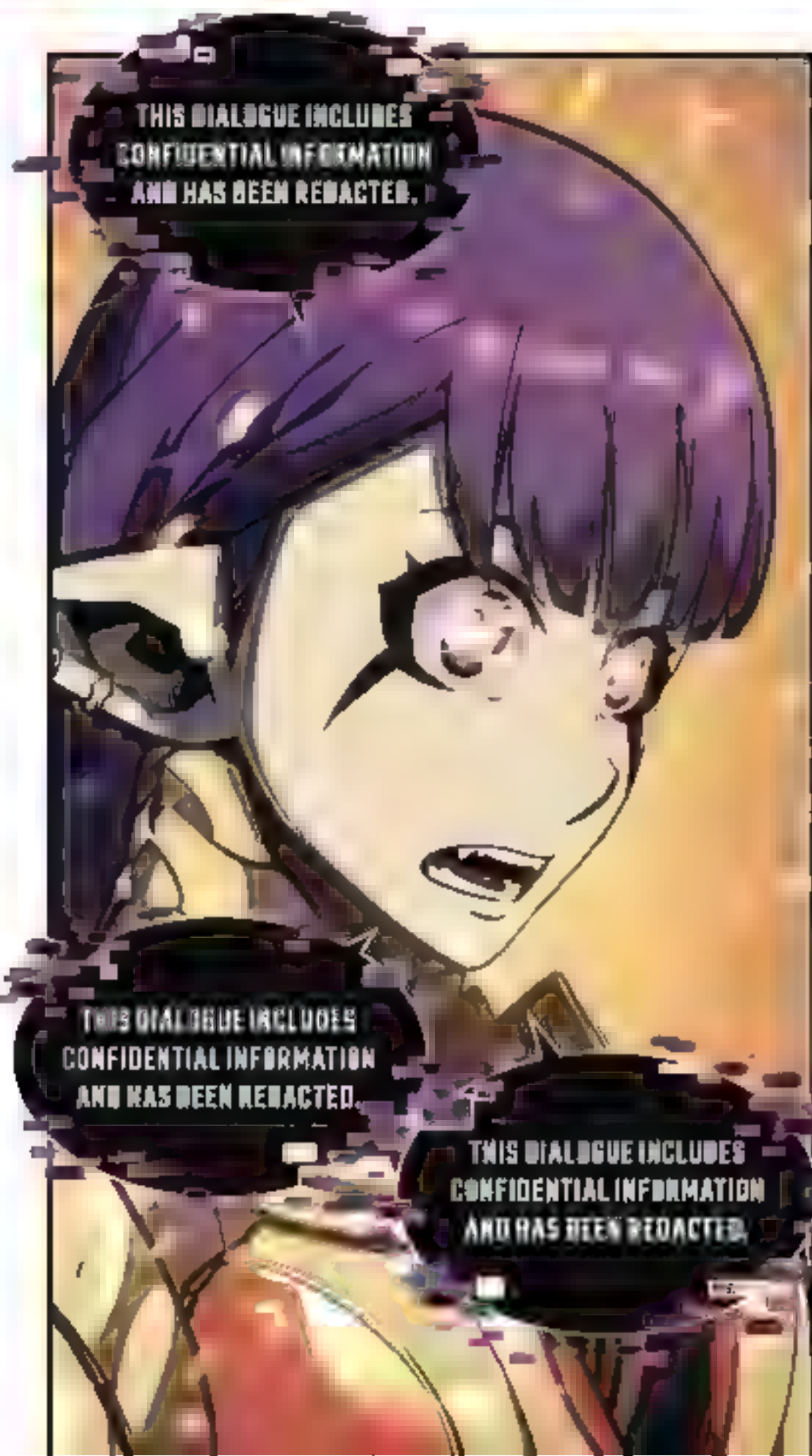
A WAR?
WHAT KIND
OF A WAR?

YES.

WE WERE
ON THE BRINK OF
WAR AGAINST A TERRIFYINGLY
POWERFUL ENEMY, SO WE HAD
TO UNITE DEMONS FROM ALL
OVER THE DEMON WORLD,
BUT—



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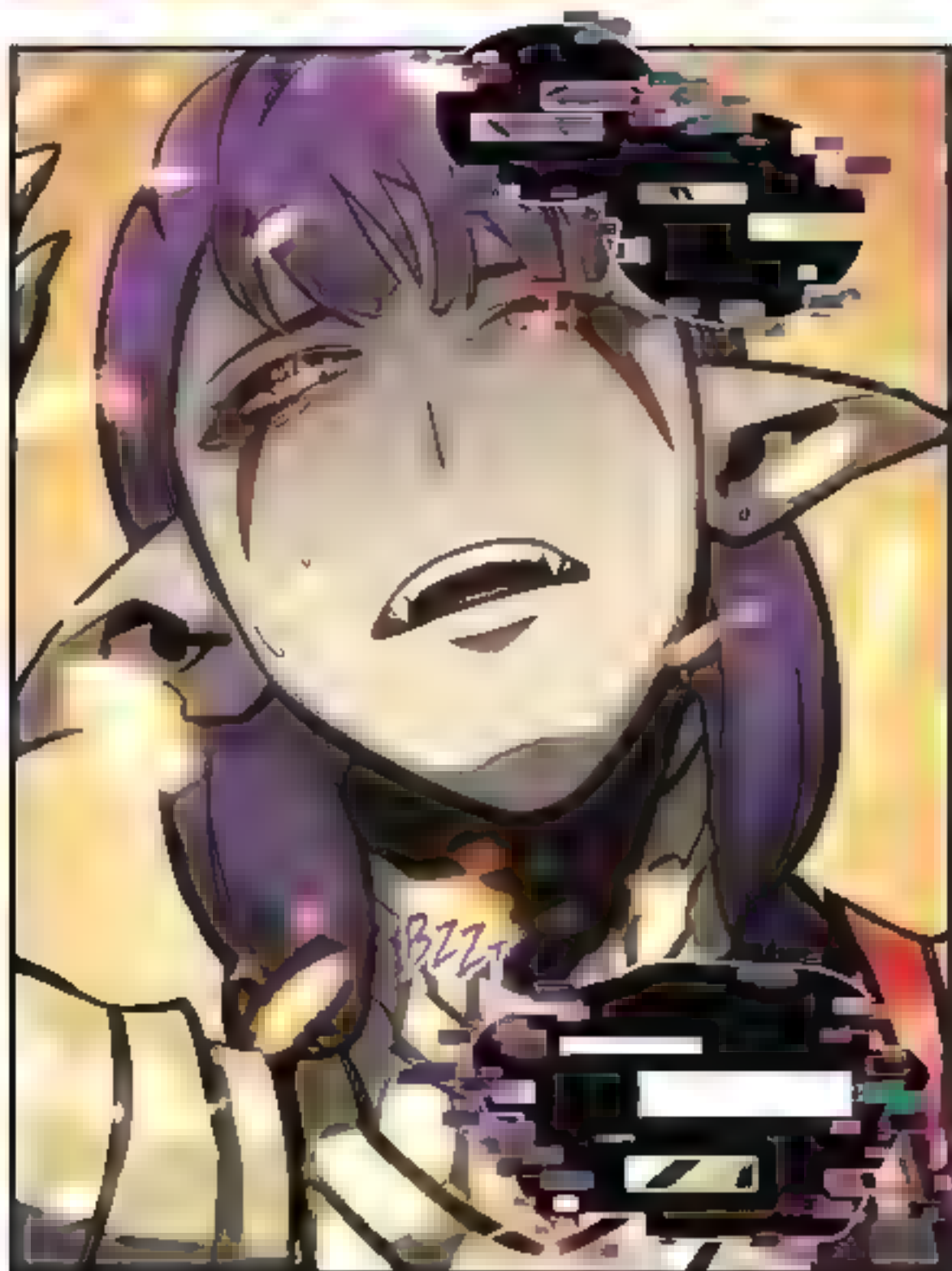
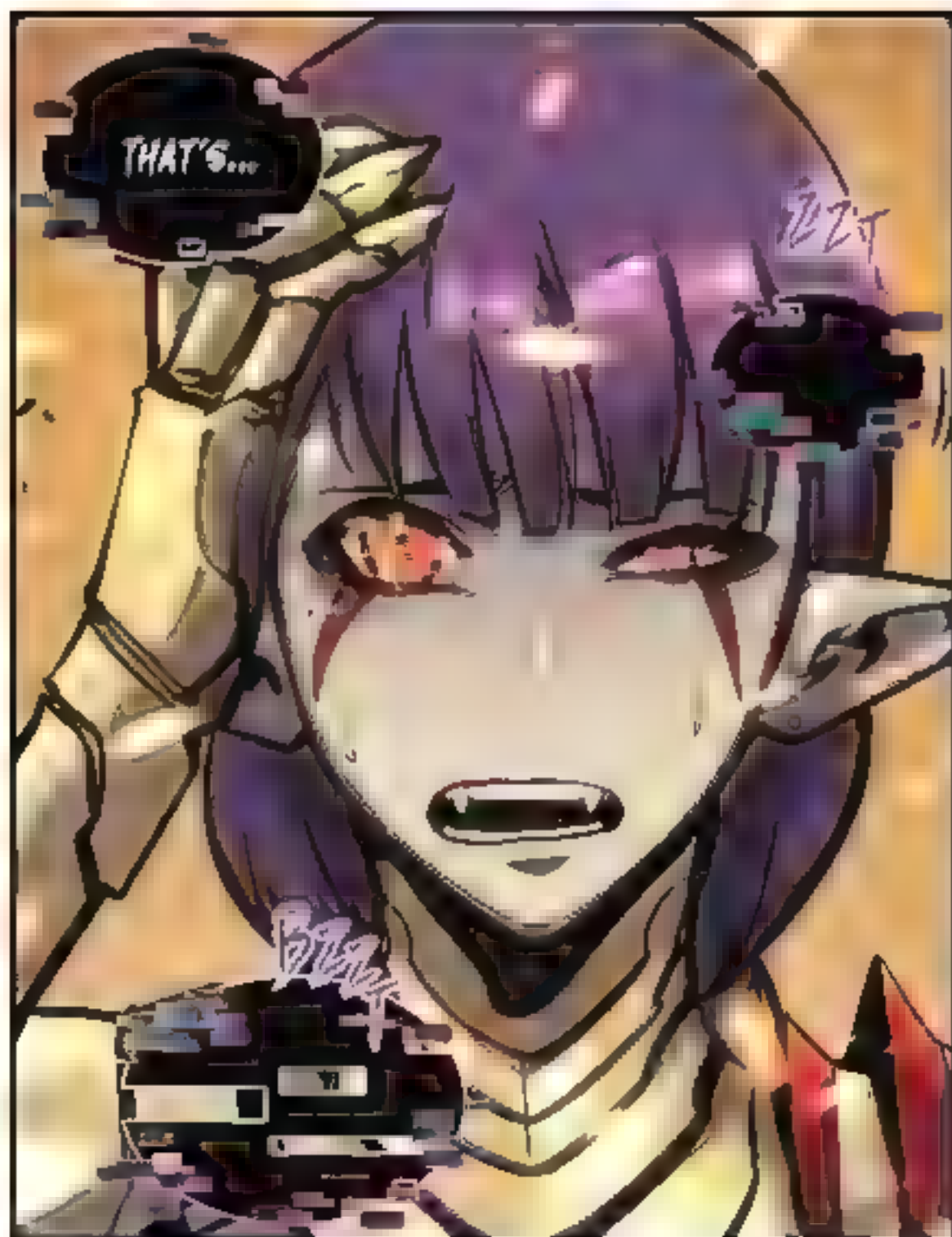
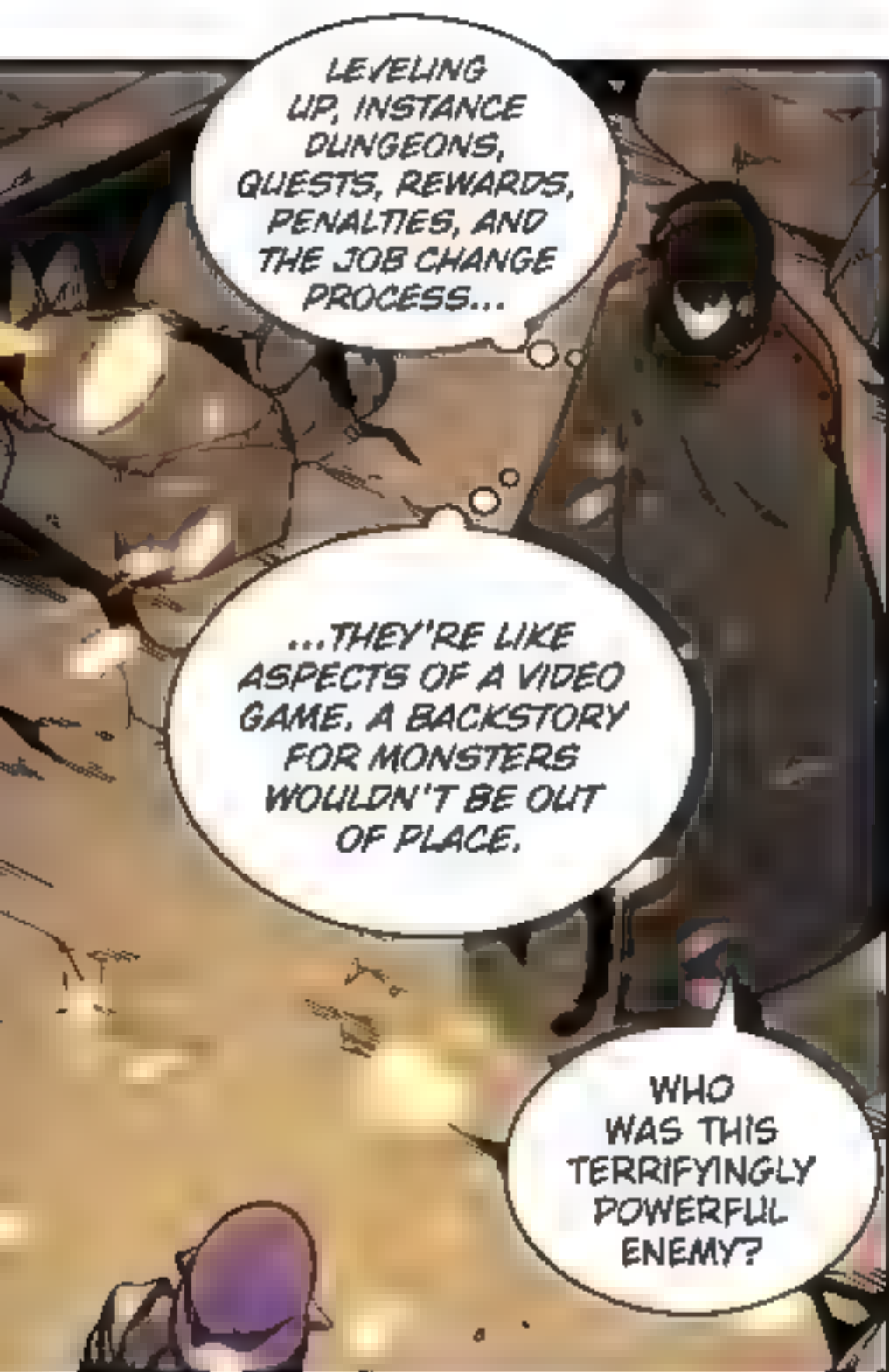
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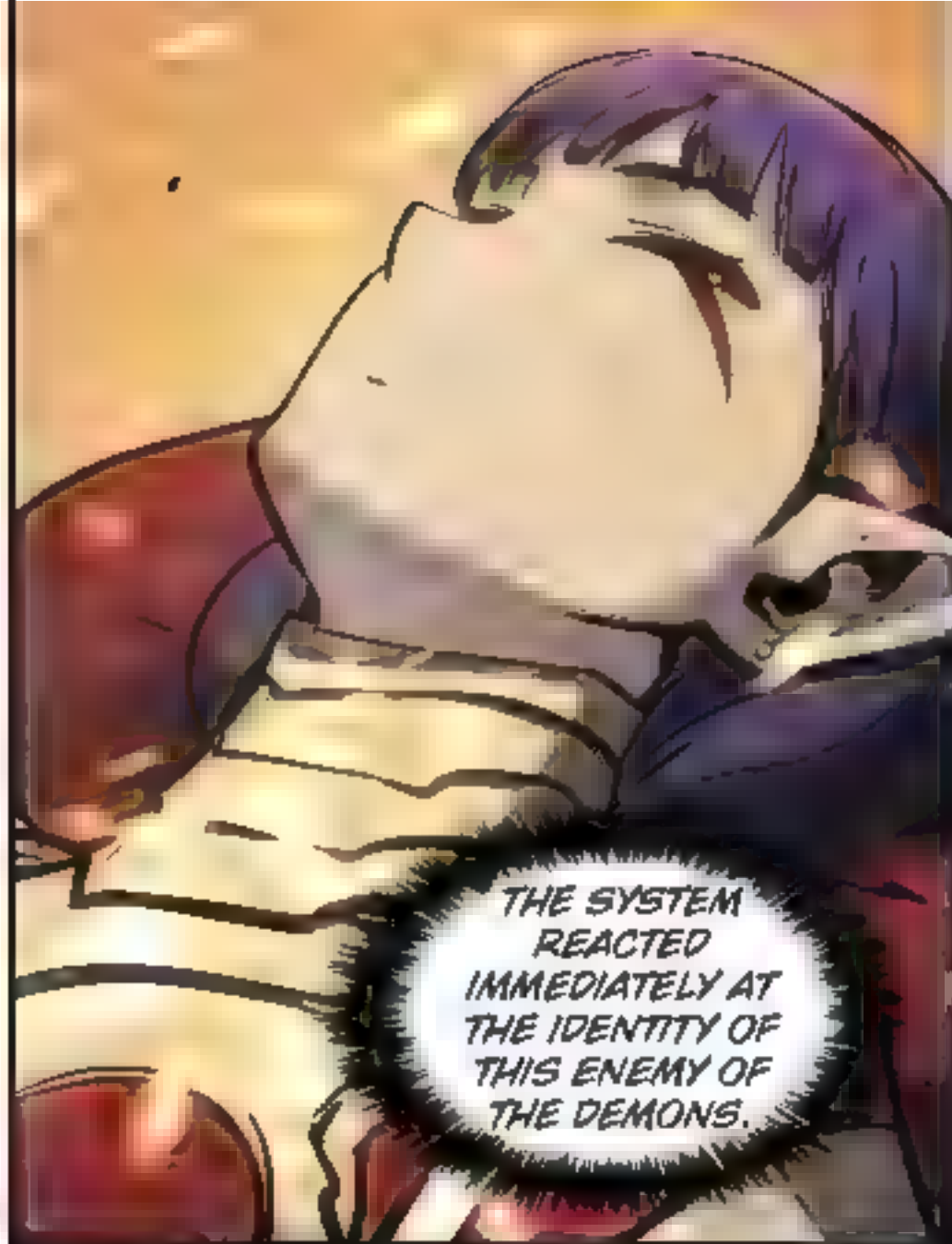


AGAIN, IT'S
SIMILAR TO WHAT
HAPPENED WHEN
I QUESTIONED
BARCA.

THE SYSTEM
PURPOSEFULLY
BLOCKED HER
ANSWER.

IT MEANS
I COULD GET
HINTS IF I KEEP
HER TALKING.





THE SYSTEM
REACTED
IMMEDIATELY AT
THE IDENTITY OF
THIS ENEMY OF
THE DEMONS.

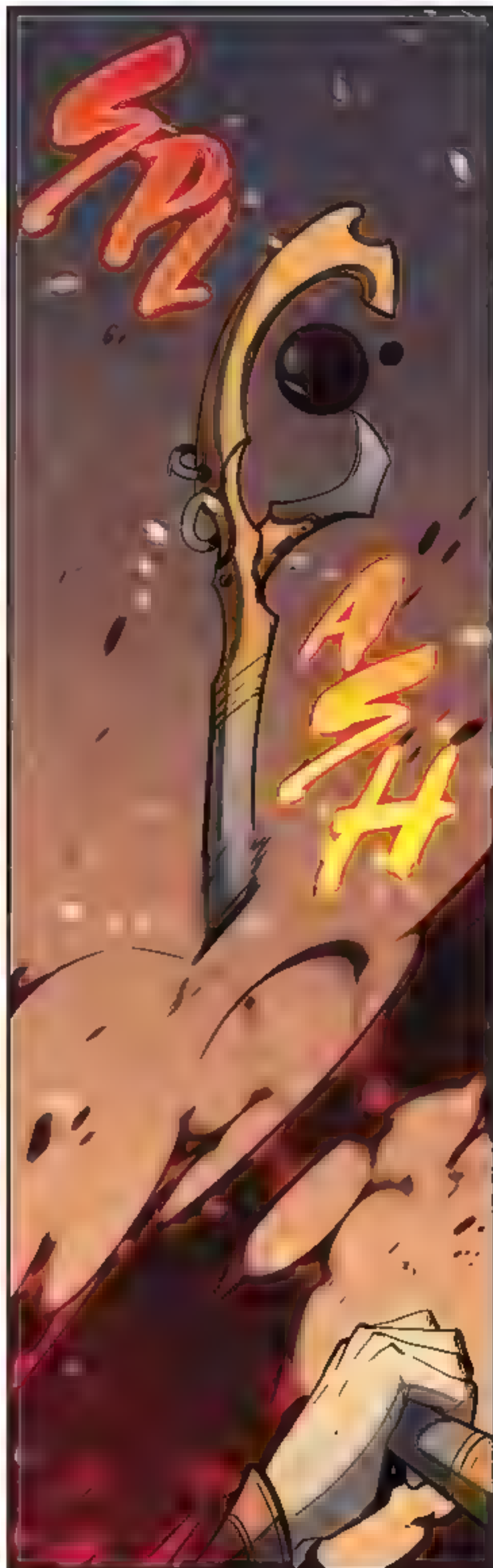


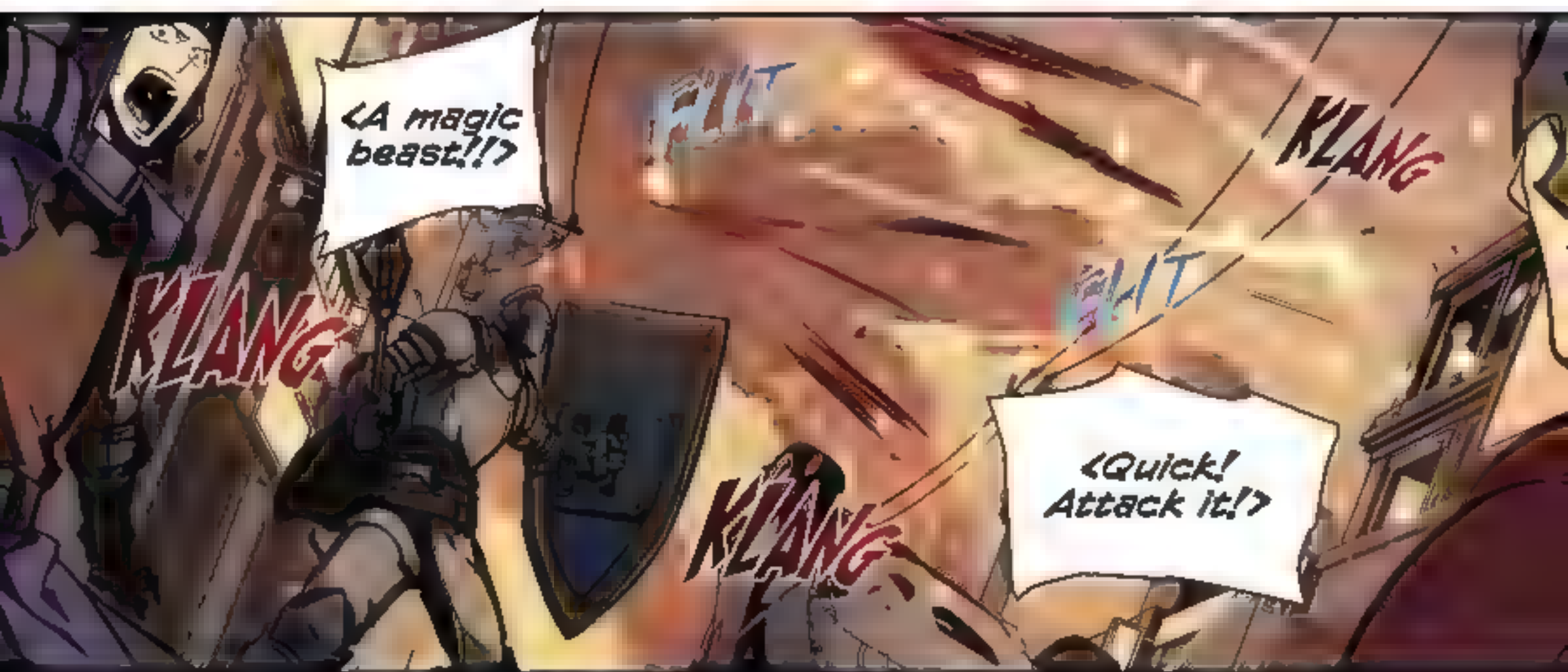
IF THEY HAVE
SOME KIND OF
TRANSCENDENTAL
POWER...

...THAT THEY CAN
USE TO AFFECT
THE EARTH AND
ME SOMEHOW—

THIS ENEMY
OF THE
DEMONS...

MAYBE
THERE'S
SOMETHING
THERE?





<A magic beast!!>

KLANG

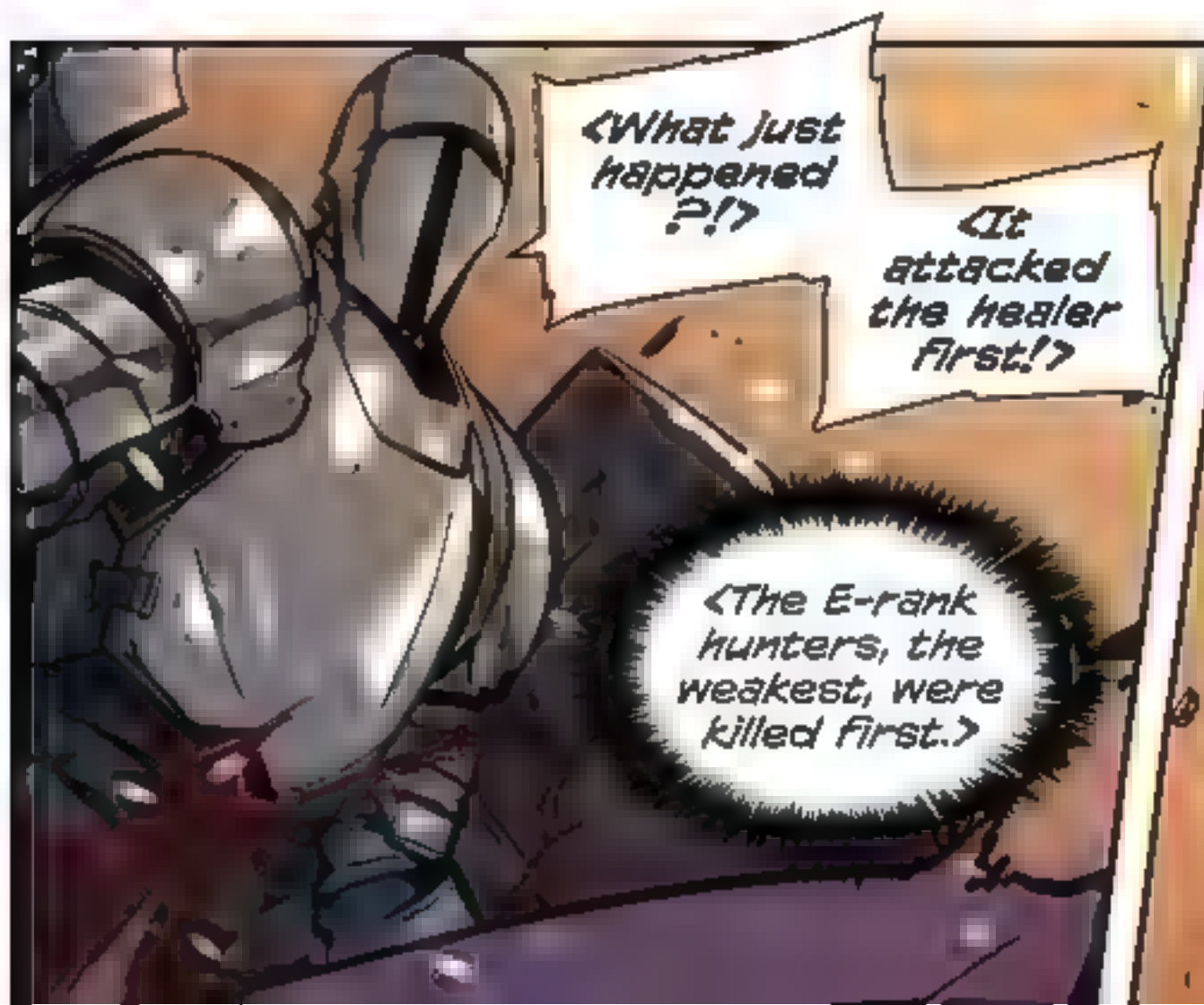
KLANG

<Quick! Attack it!>

KLANG



<It's no ordinary magic beast...!>



<What just happened?!>

<It attacked the healer first!>

<The E-rank hunters, the weakest, were killed first.>

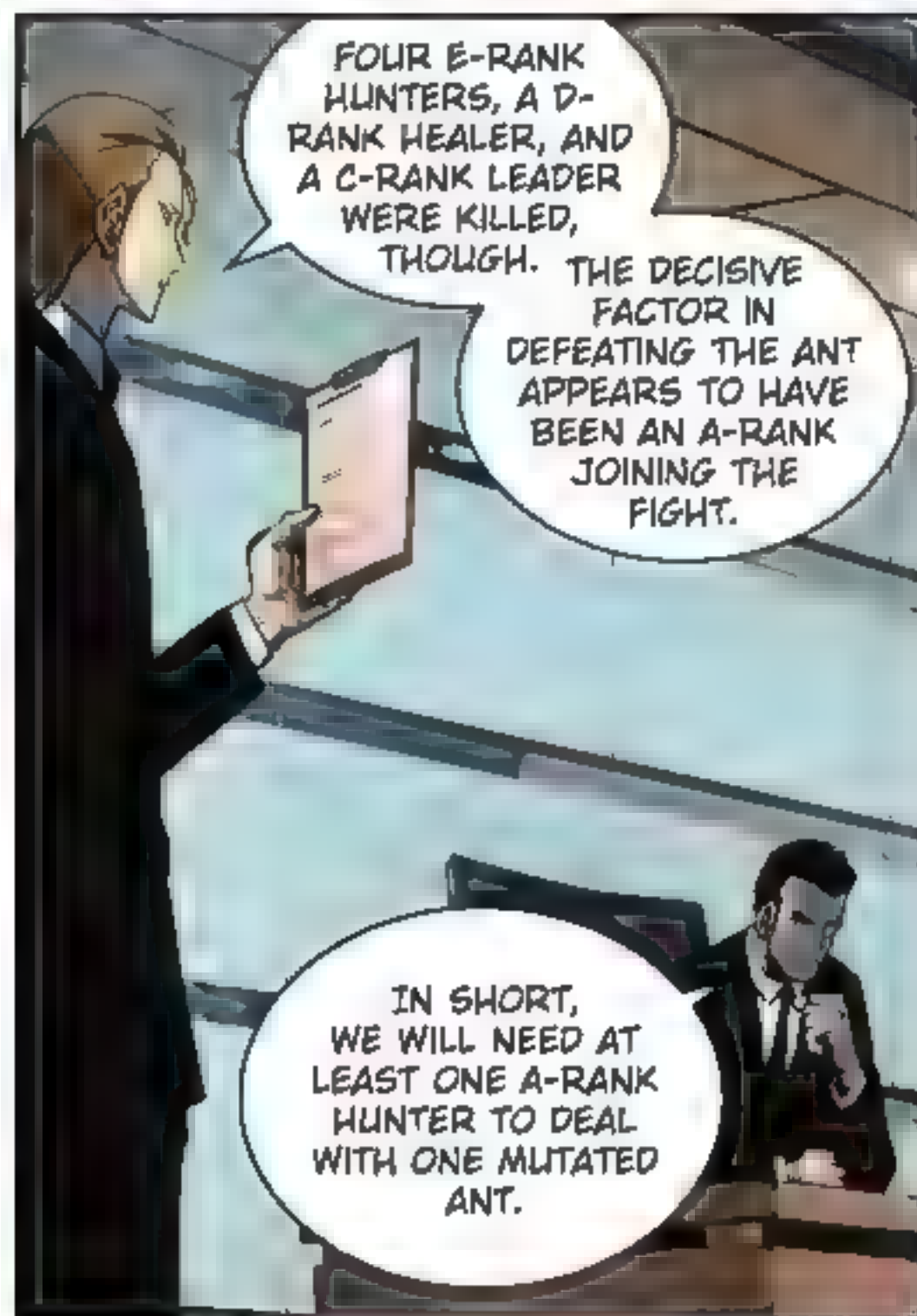
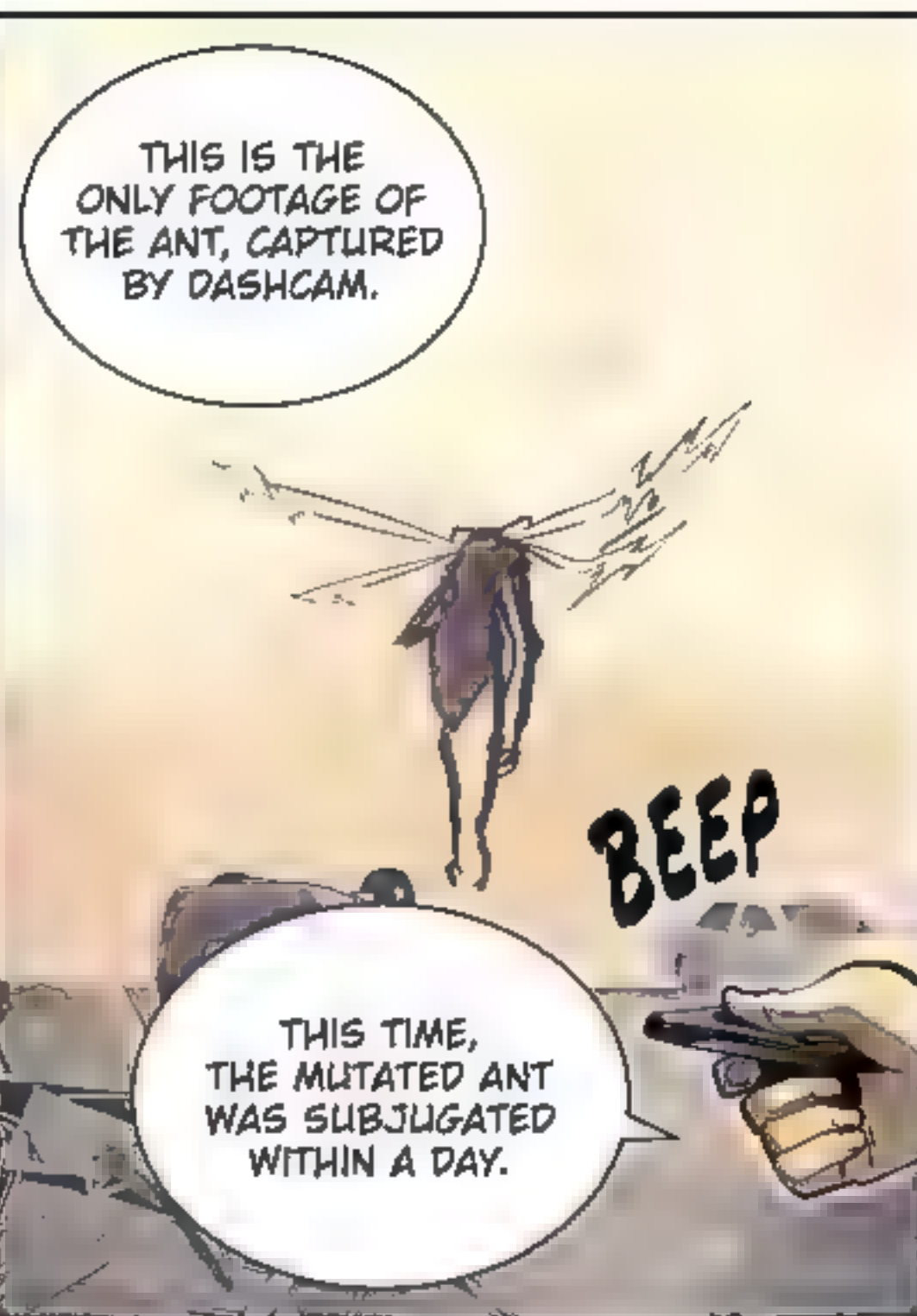


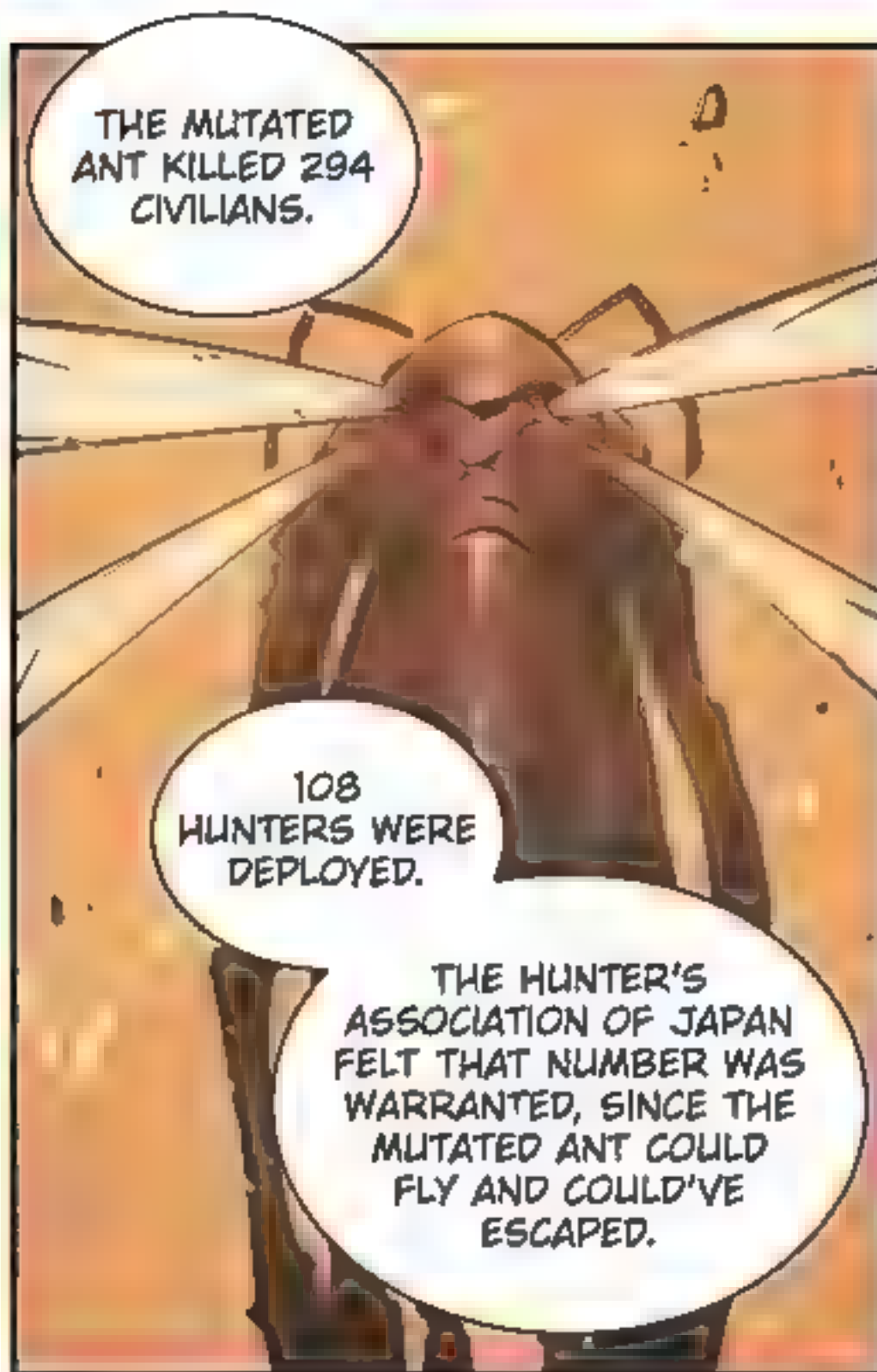
<That beast cut down our numbers and killed the healer to decrease our battle power!>

<It knows it has to end this quickly to win!>

*«Could that
bastard...have
intelligence?!»*







THE MUTATED ANT KILLED 294 CIVILIANS.

108 HUNTERS WERE DEPLOYED.

THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN FELT THAT NUMBER WAS WARRANTED, SINCE THE MUTATED ANT COULD FLY AND COULD'VE ESCAPED.



JAPAN HAS ONE OF THE BEST NETWORKS OF HUNTERS IN ALL OF ASIA.

IF A COUNTRY LIKE THAT SUFFERED SUCH LOSSES, WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE OF THOSE ANTS MAKES ITS WAY TO KOREA?

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

WE HAVE A LOT OF ISLANDS, JUST LIKE JAPAN.

WE CAN'T GUARD EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM...



AN ISLAND MORE THAN 150 KILOMETERS FROM JEJU WAS ATTACKED.

IF AN ANT CAN FLY THERE, THEN THAT MEANS...

...NOT ONLY CAN IT REACH THE MAINLAND, BUT ALSO MOKPO.

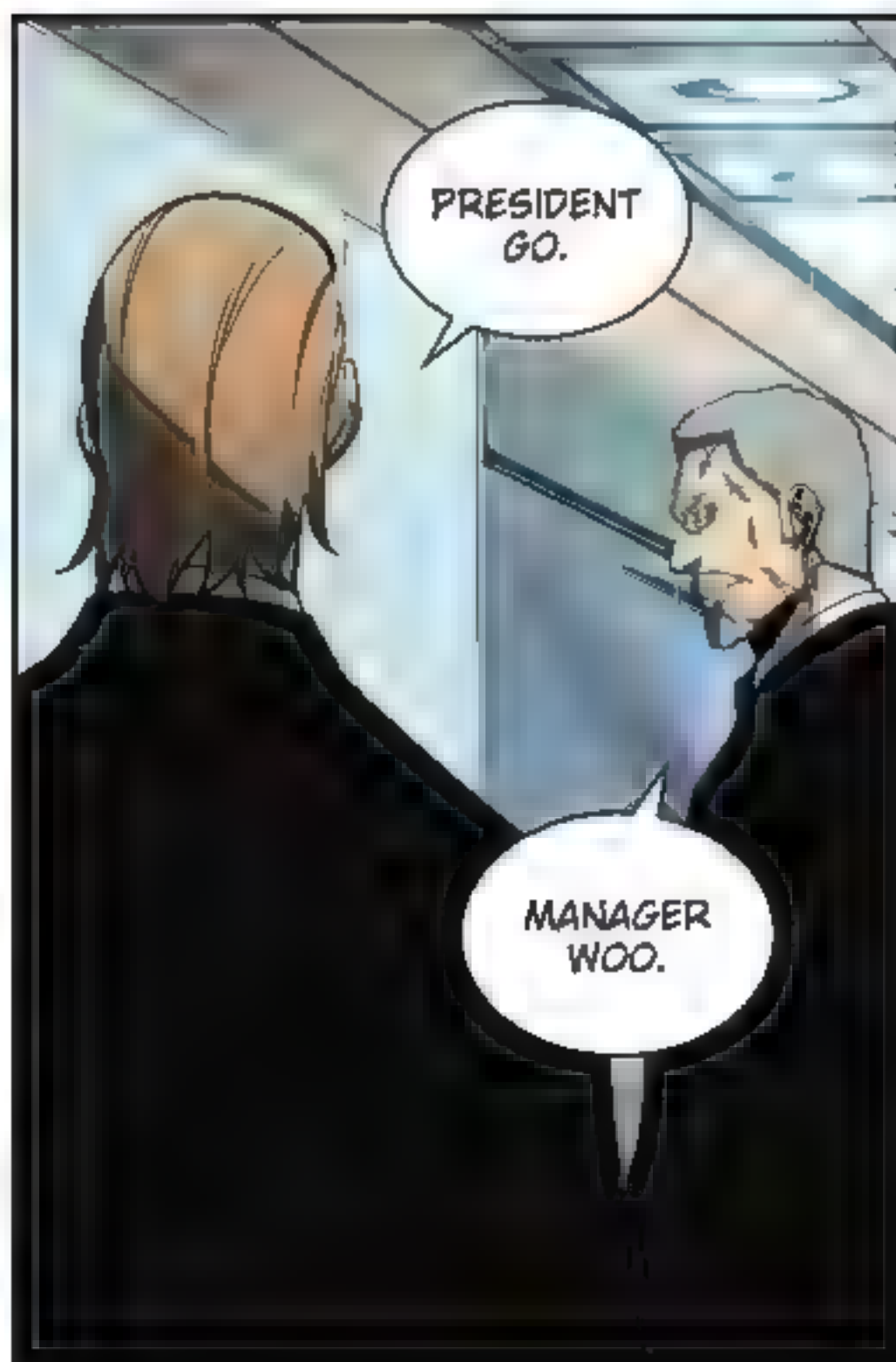
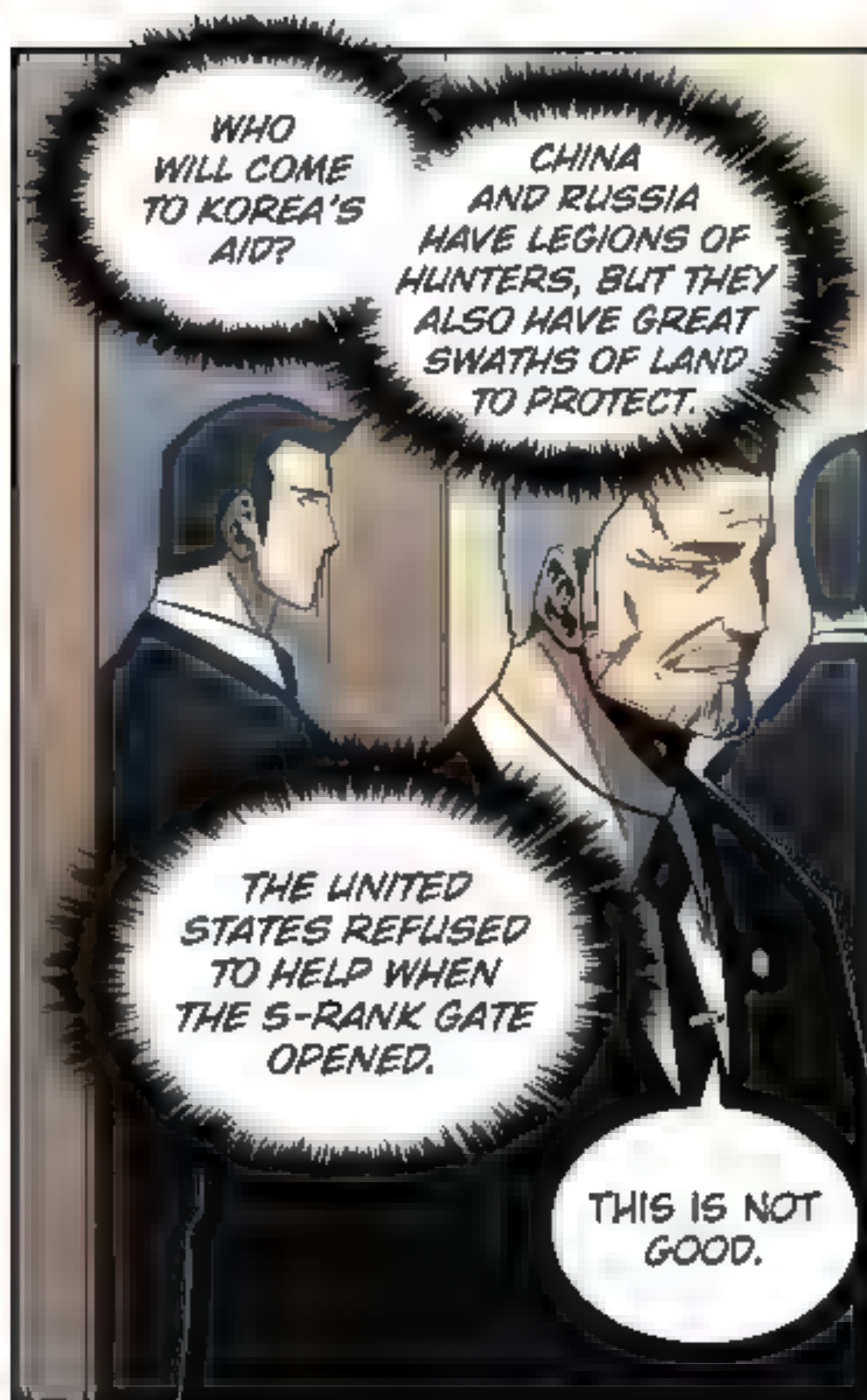


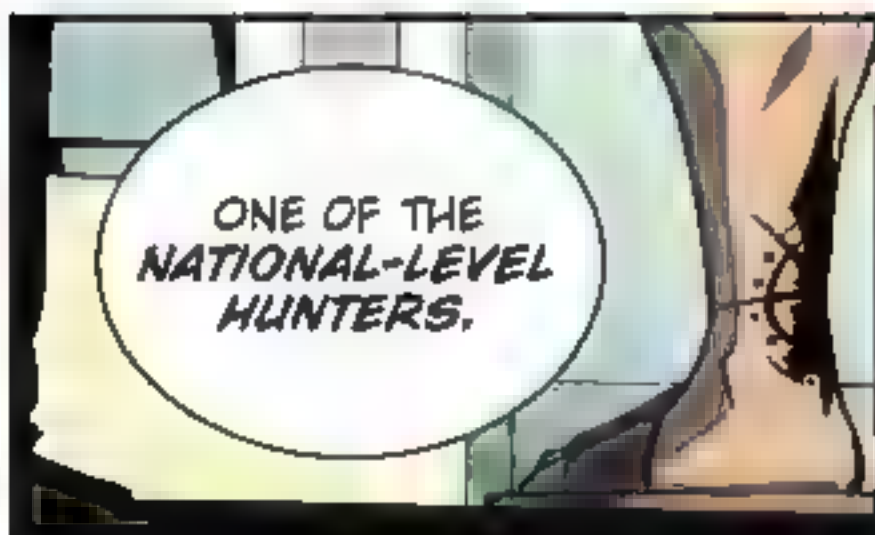
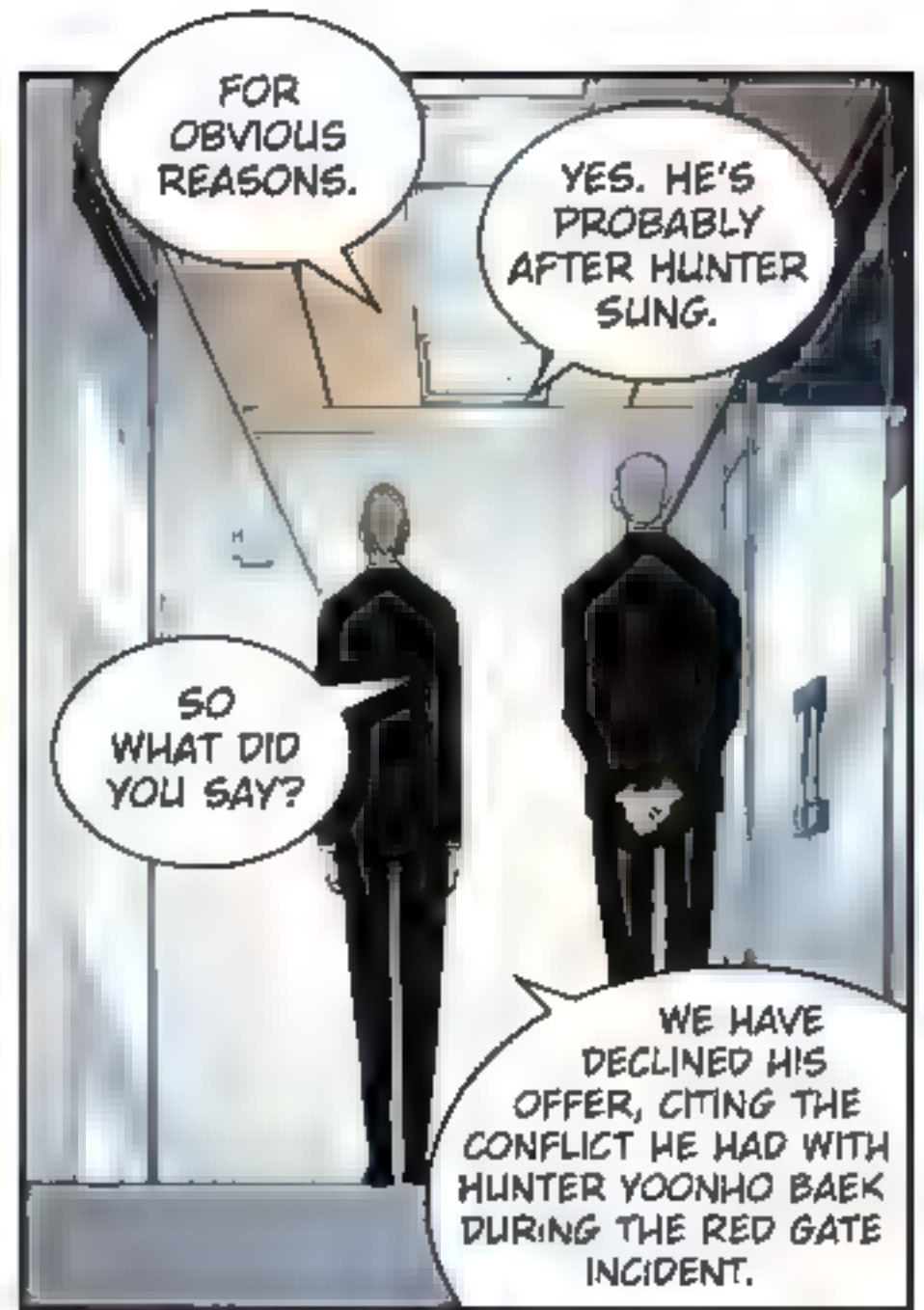
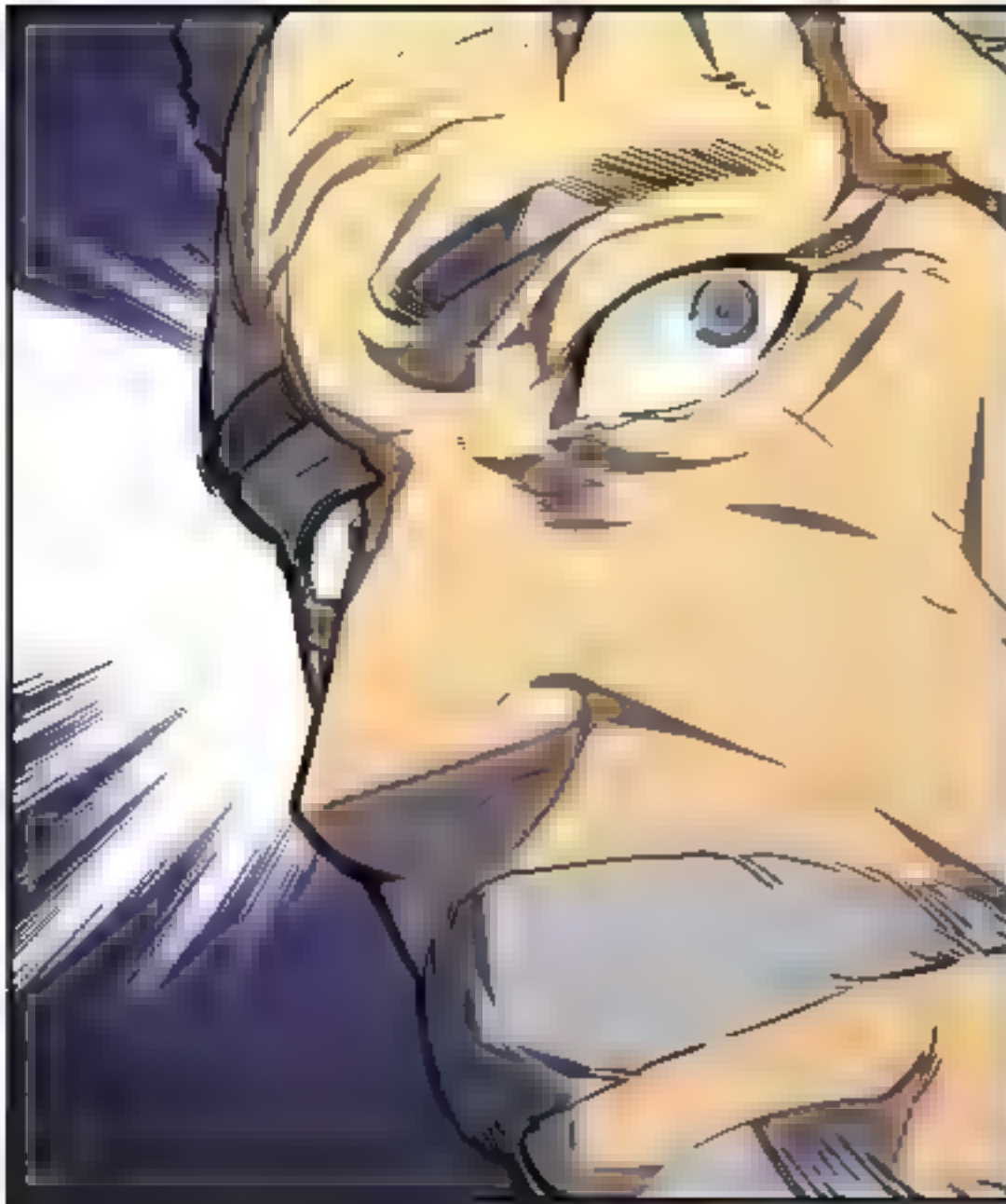
IF IT WANTS, IT COULD EASILY CHANGE DIRECTION NORTH TO JINDO OR WANDO AT ANY TIME!

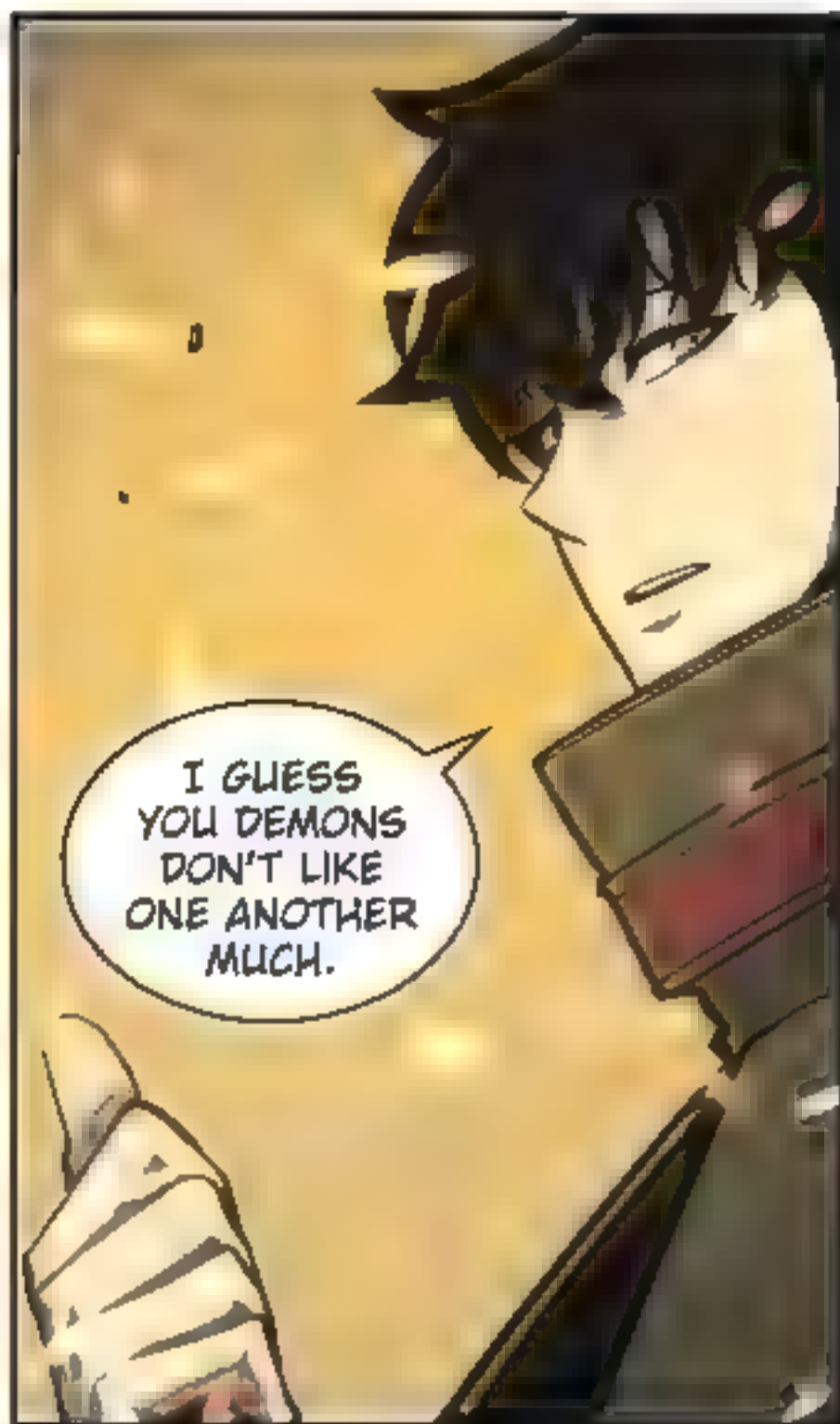
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT CAN ACTUALLY FLY. IT'S MORE LIKE A BEE THAN AN ANT.

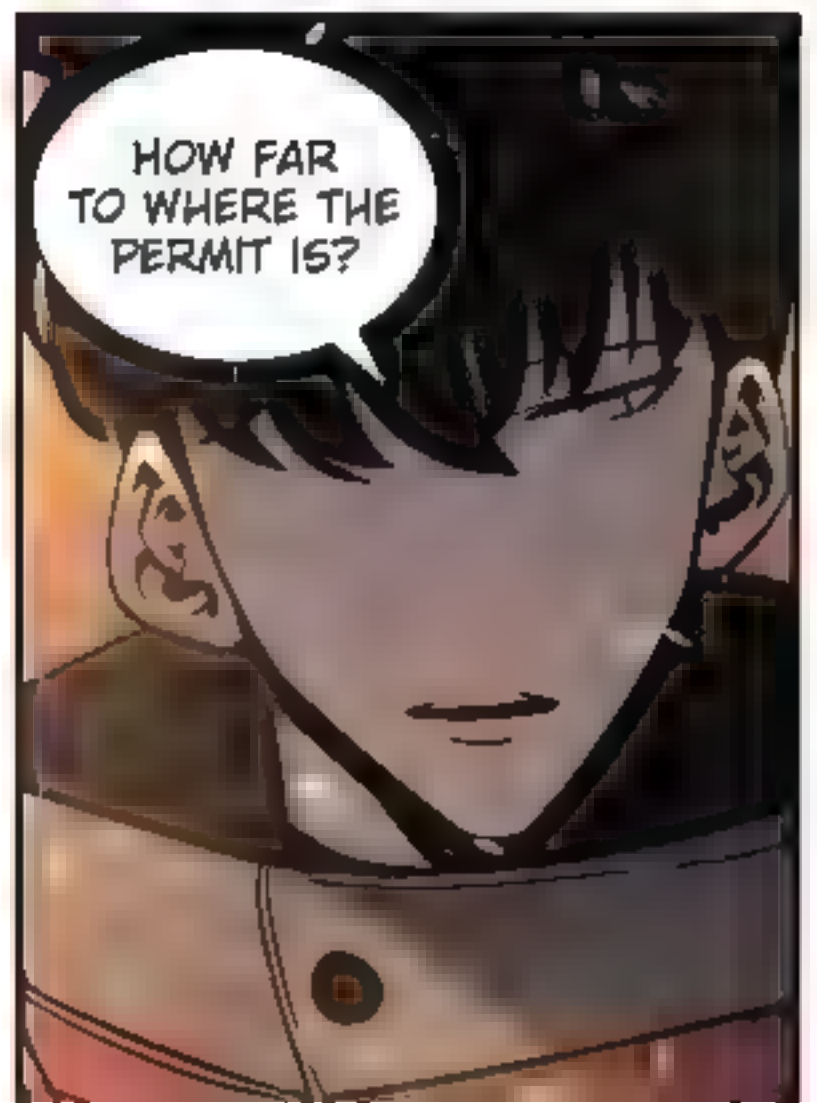
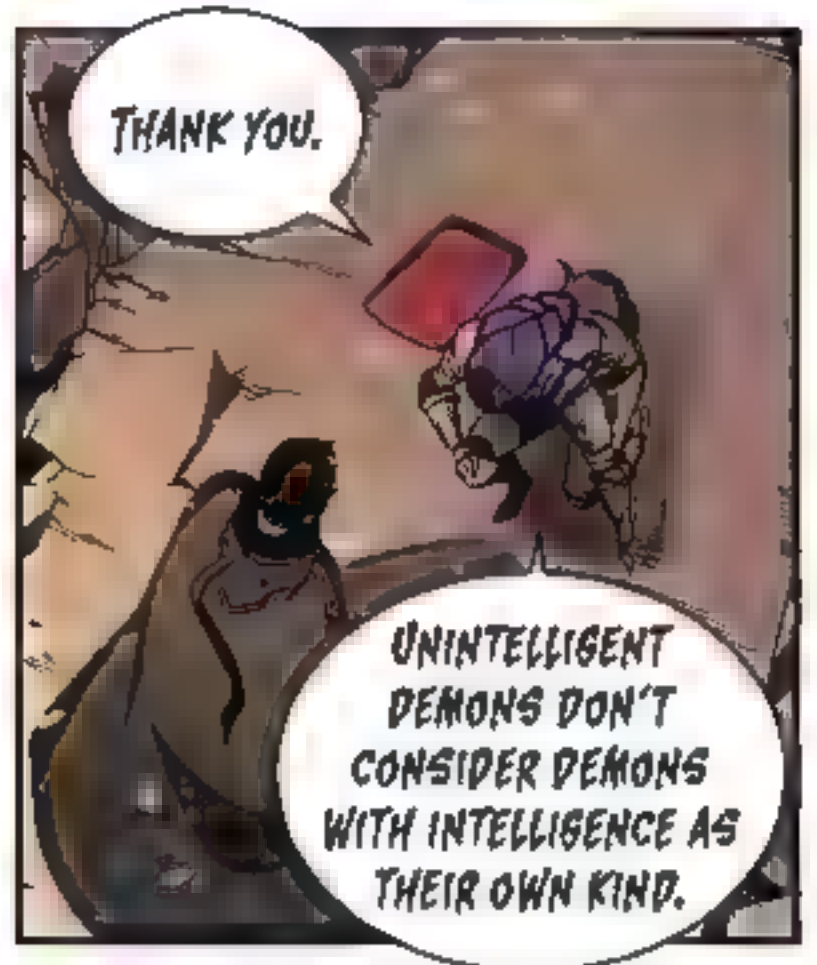
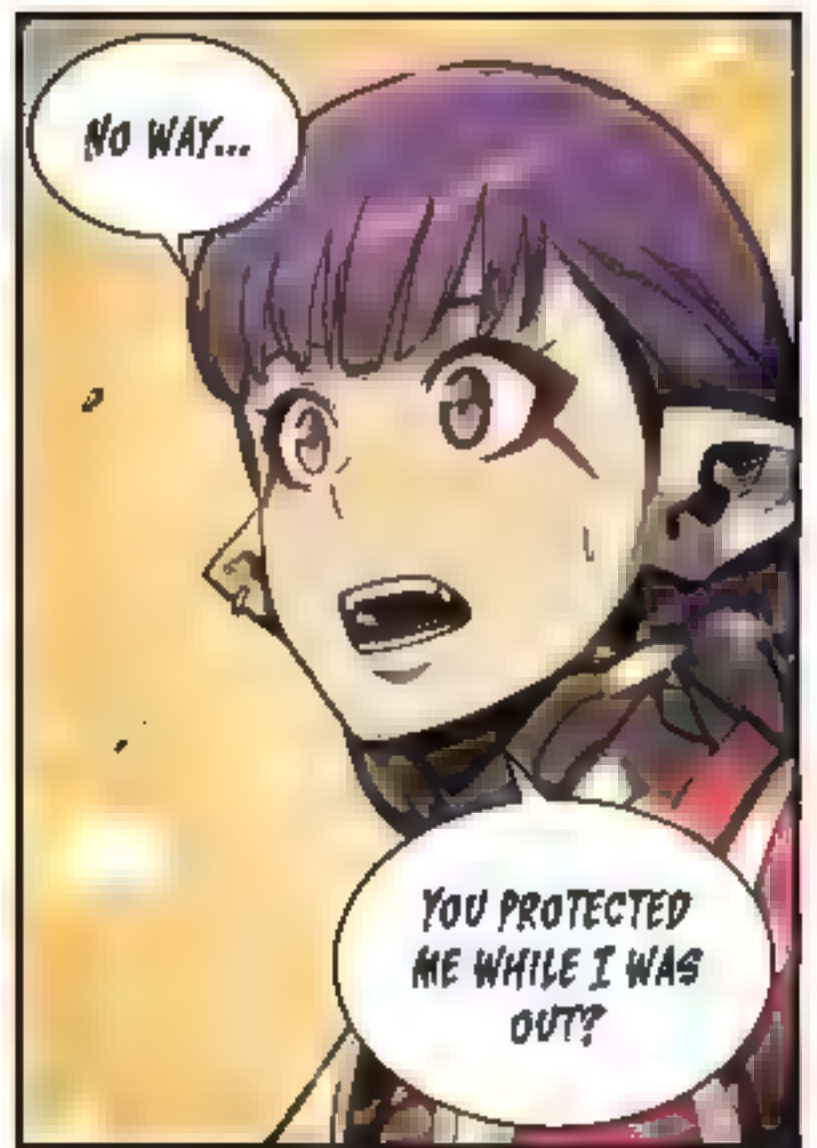
UNLIKE JAPAN, KOREA DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH HUNTERS TO PLACE ON EVERY ISLAND.

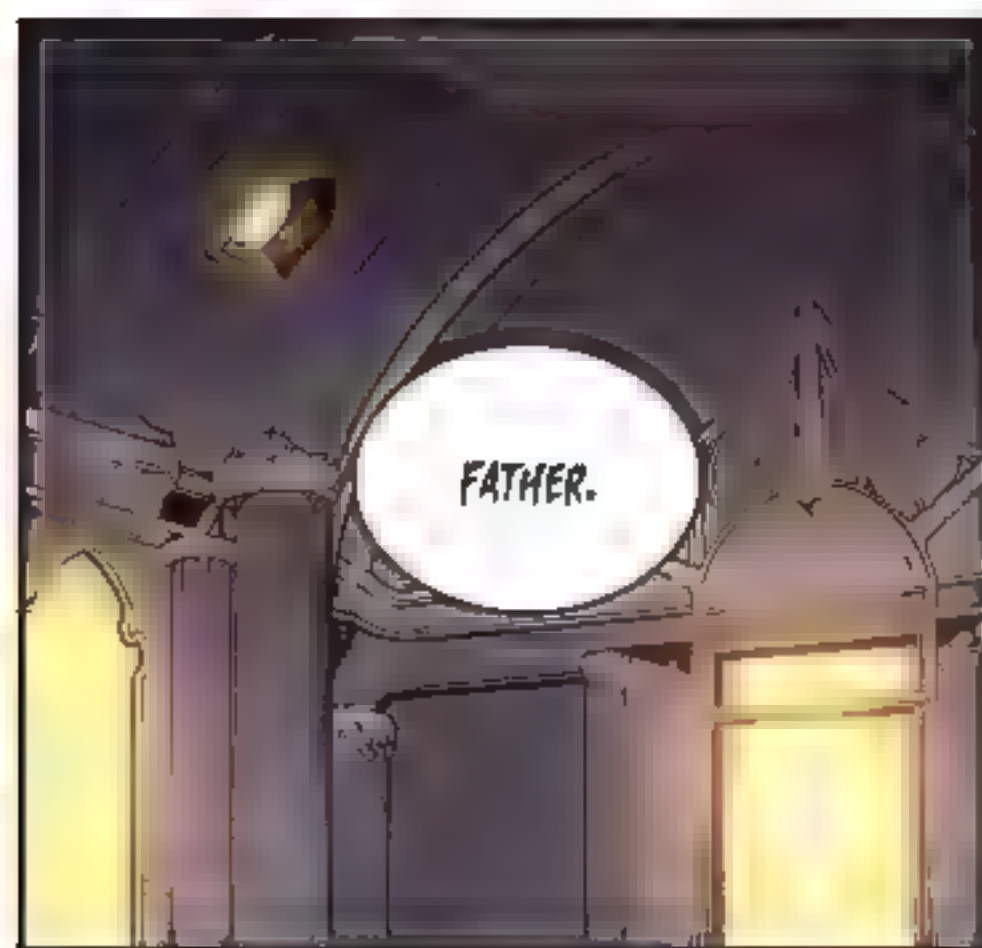
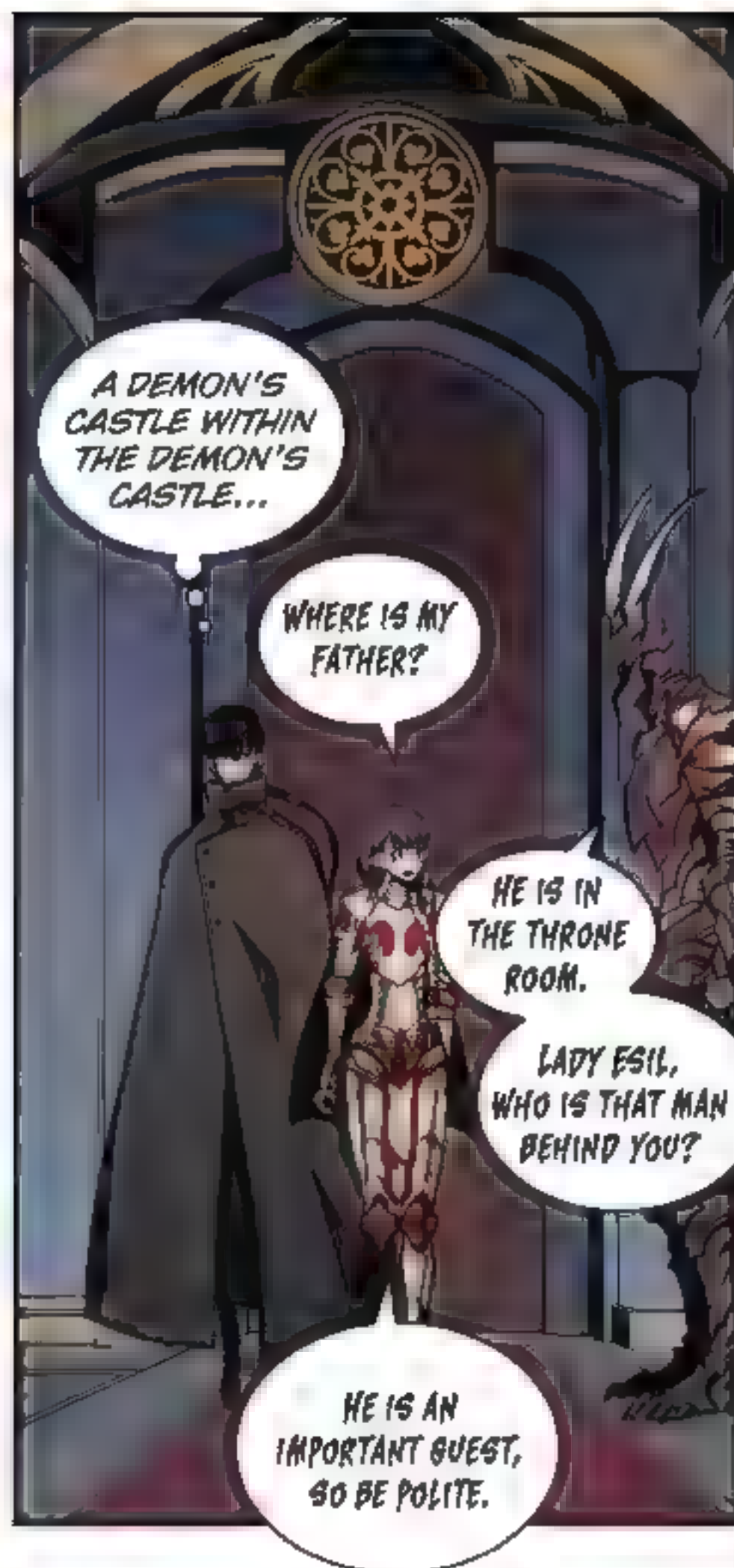
EVEN IF WE COULD PLACE ONE OR TWO LOW-RANK HUNTERS ON EVERY SINGLE ISLAND, THEY'D JUST END UP AS ANT FOOD!

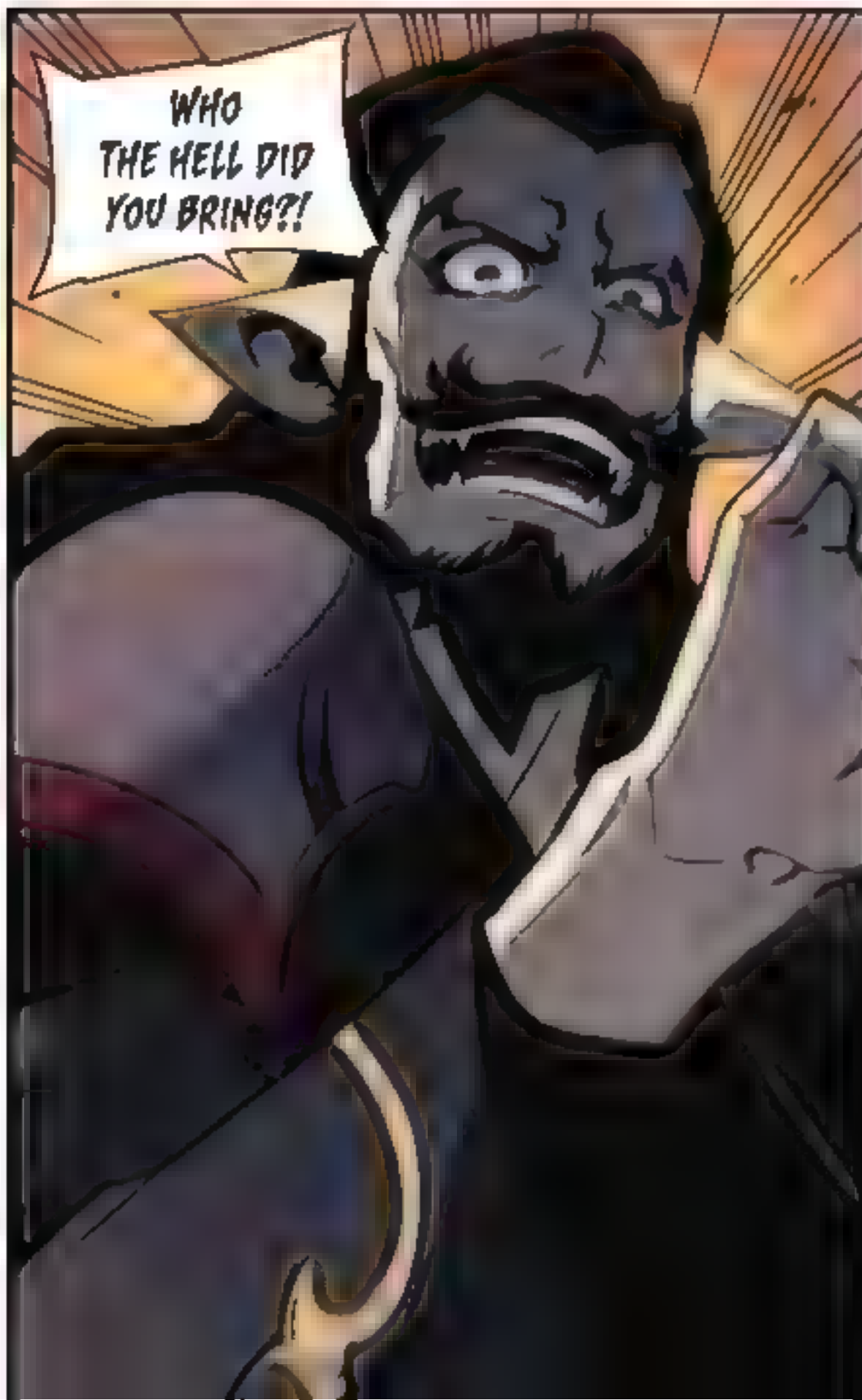
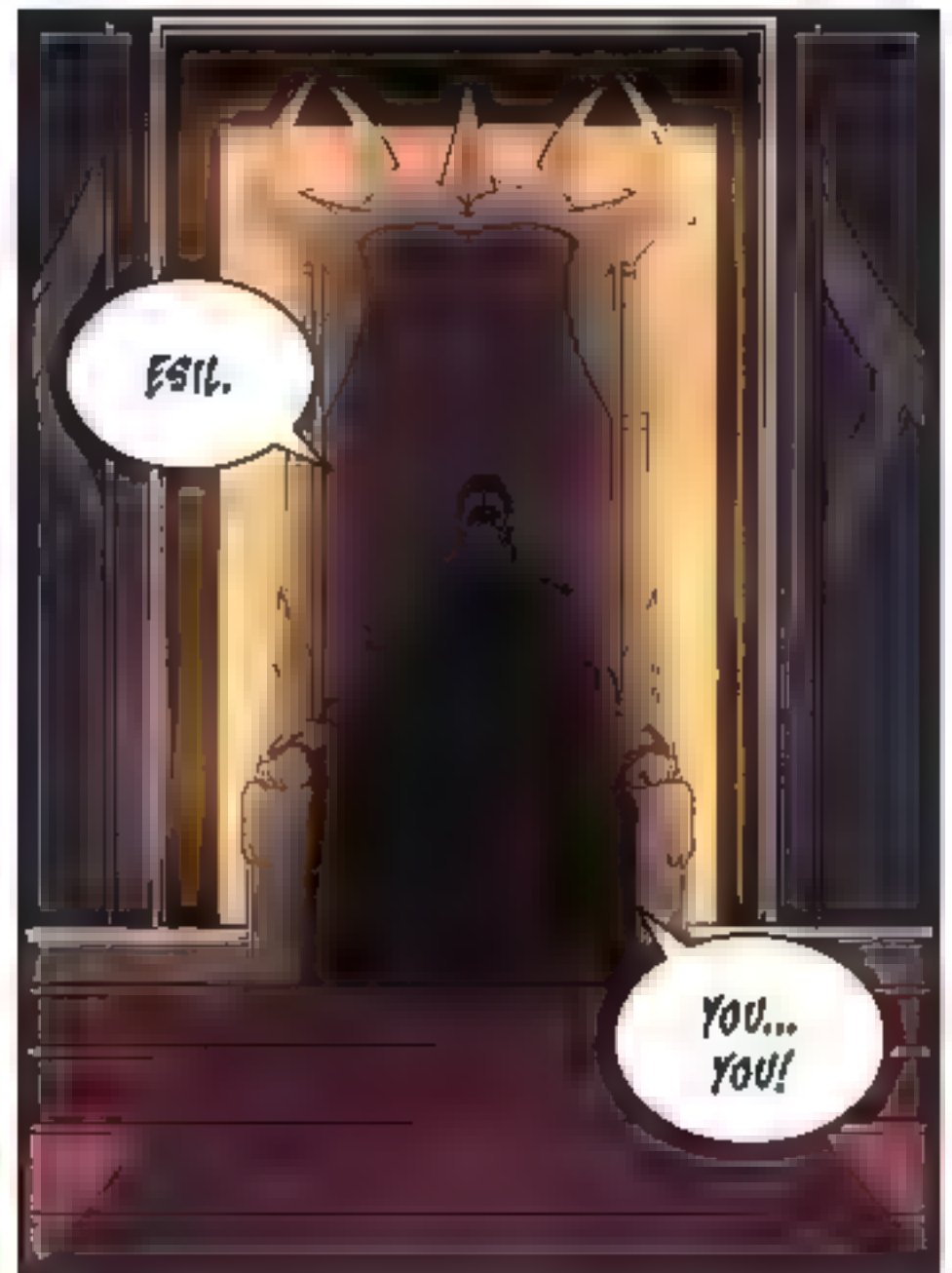
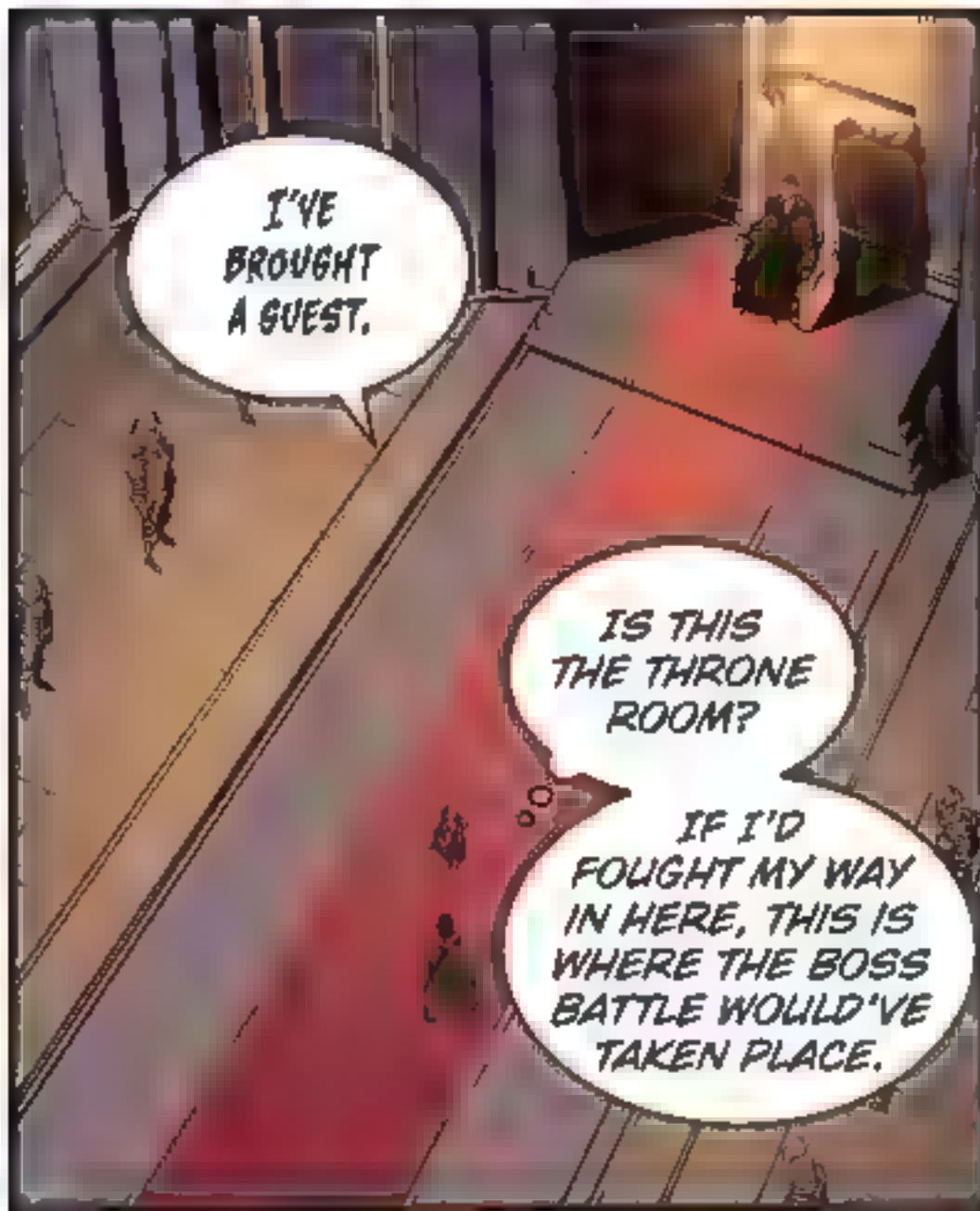




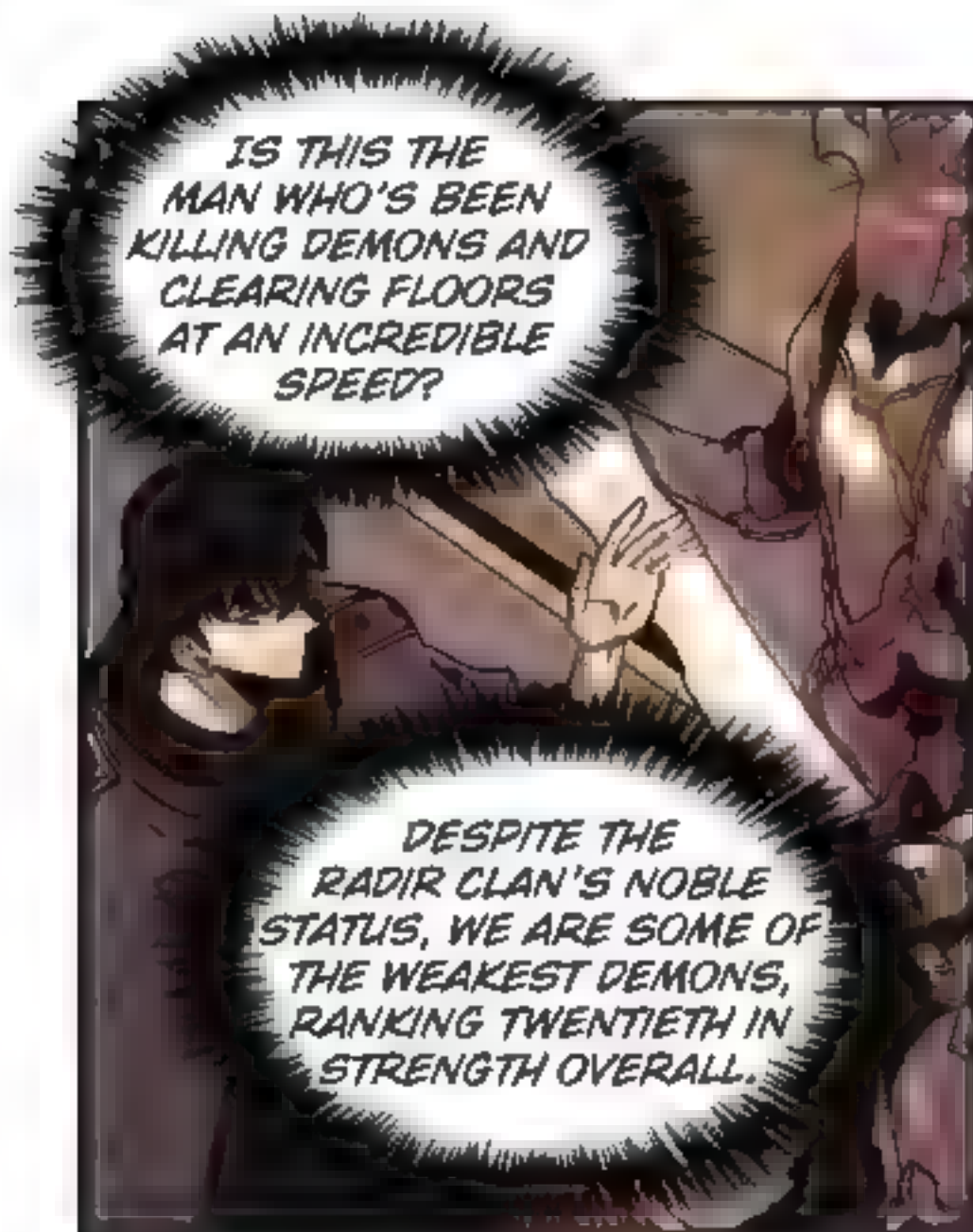












IS THIS THE
MAN WHO'S BEEN
KILLING DEMONS AND
CLEARING FLOORS
AT AN INCREDIBLE
SPEED?

DESPITE THE
RADIR CLAN'S NOBLE
STATUS, WE ARE SOME OF
THE WEAKEST DEMONS,
RANKING TWENTIETH IN
STRENGTH OVERALL.



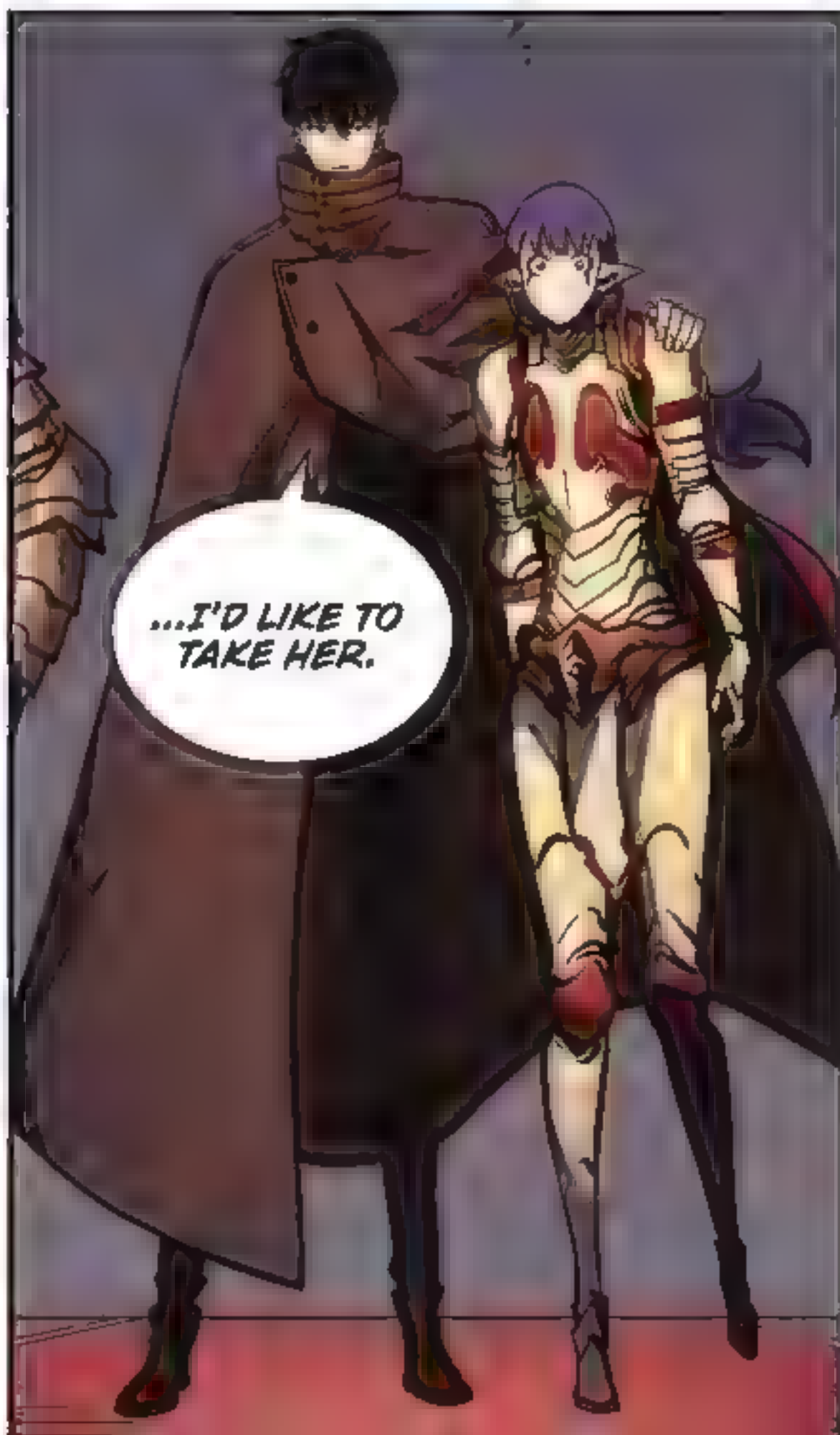
IF HE BESTED
VULCAN AND METUS
THAT EASILY, I'M
NOT SURE WE CAN
DEFEAT HIM...!

AN ENTRY PERMIT...
IS THAT YOUR ONLY
CONDITION?



THAT,
AND...

PAT



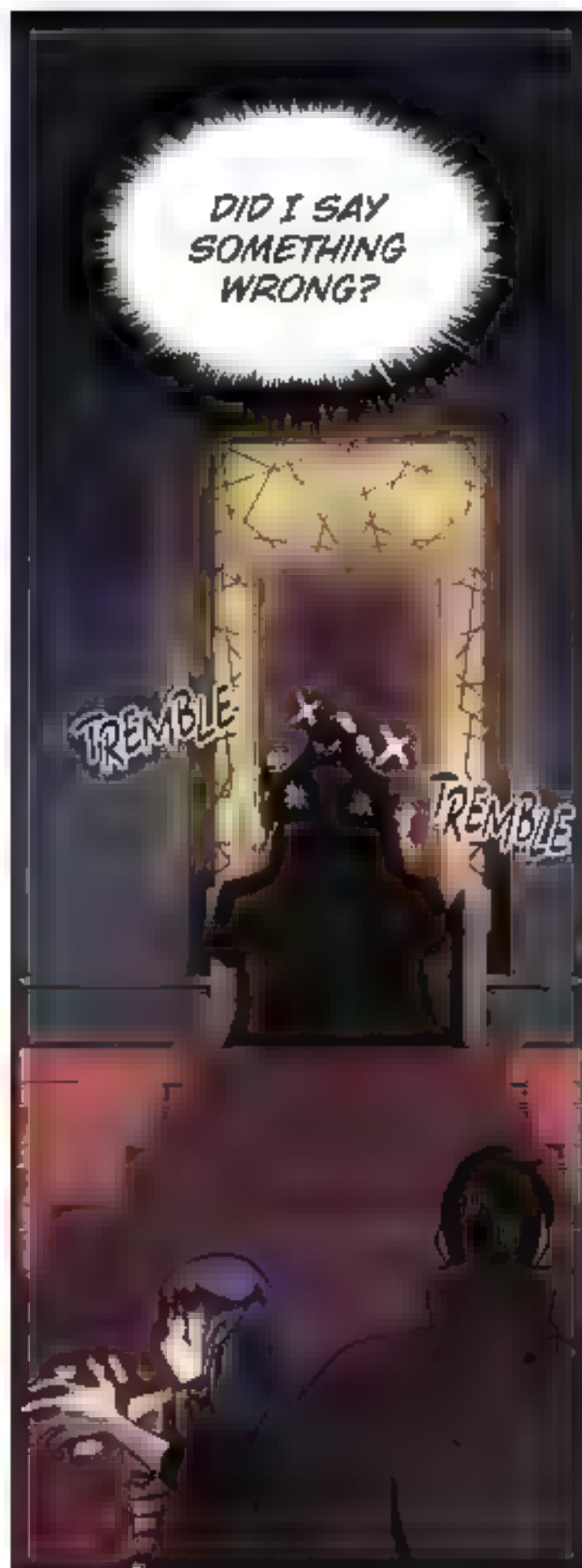
...I'D LIKE TO
TAKE HER.



ESIL SAID
SHE KNOWS
WHERE ALL THE
ENTRY PERMITS
FOR THE HIGH
FLOORS ARE.

I NEED HER TO
GUIDE ME.

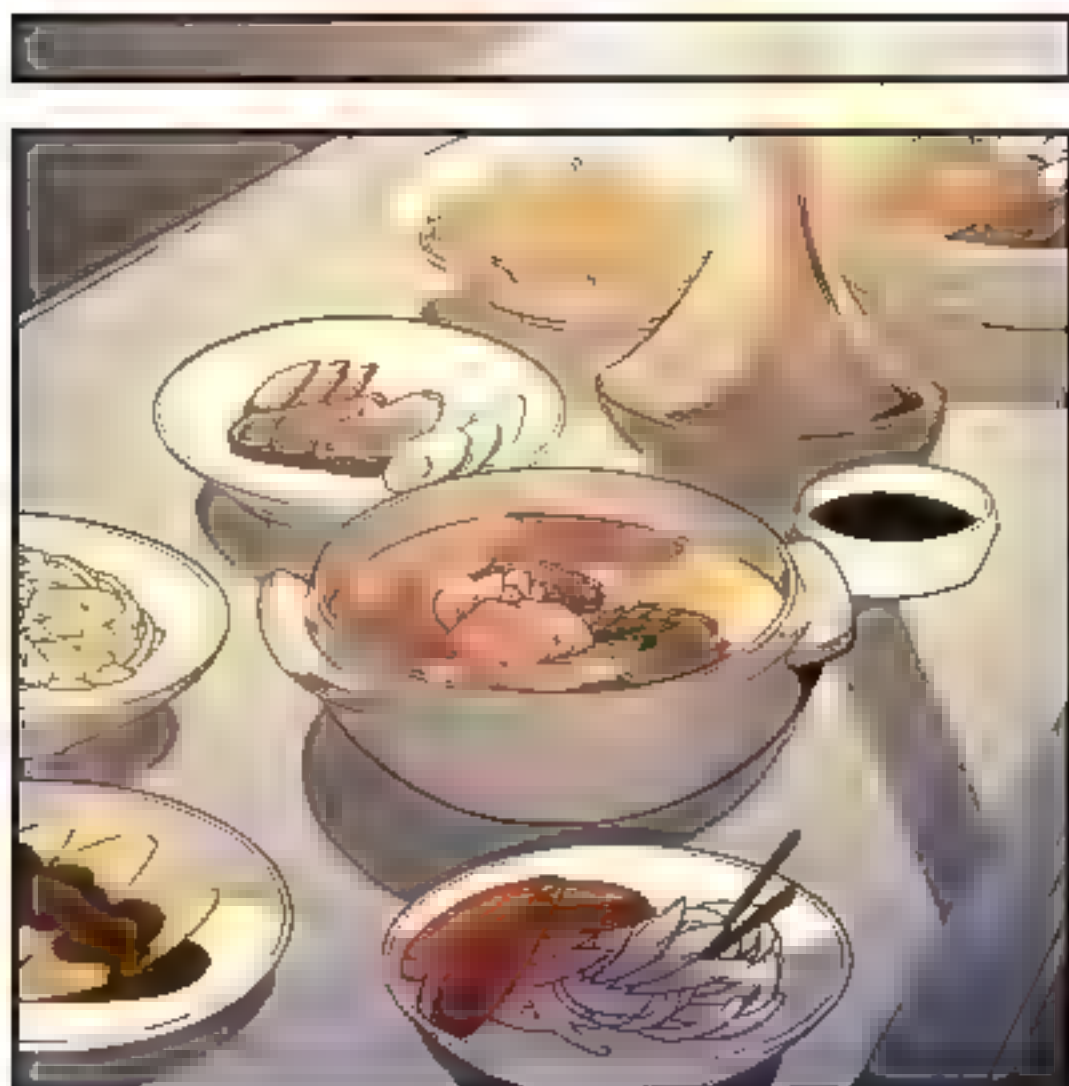
WHAT...?



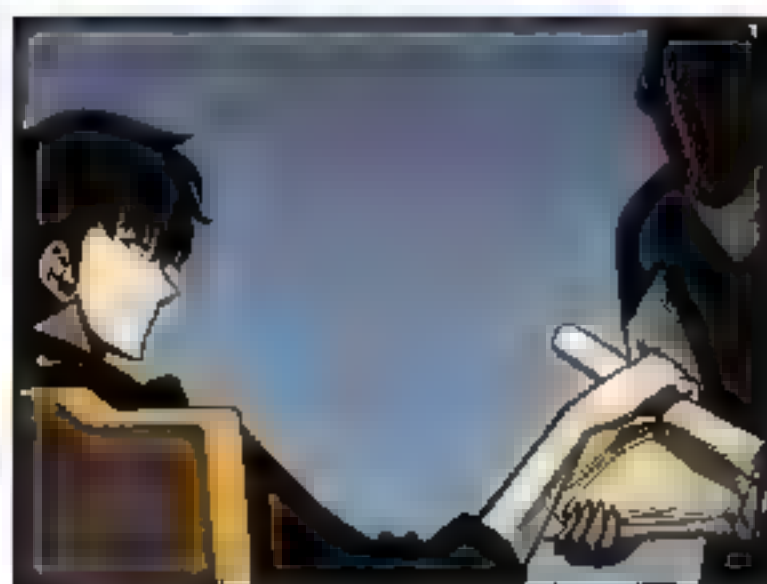
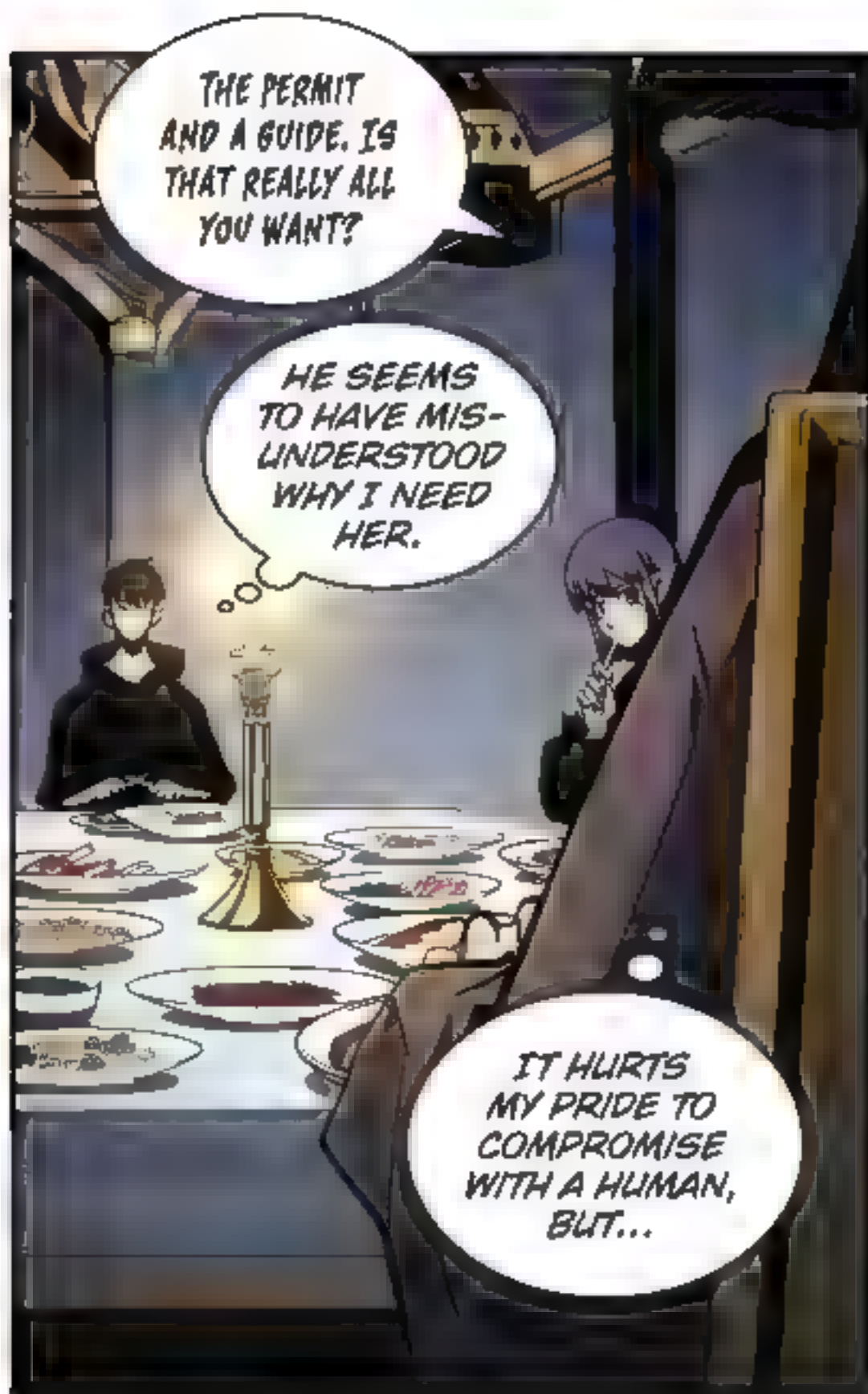
DID I SAY
SOMETHING
WRONG?

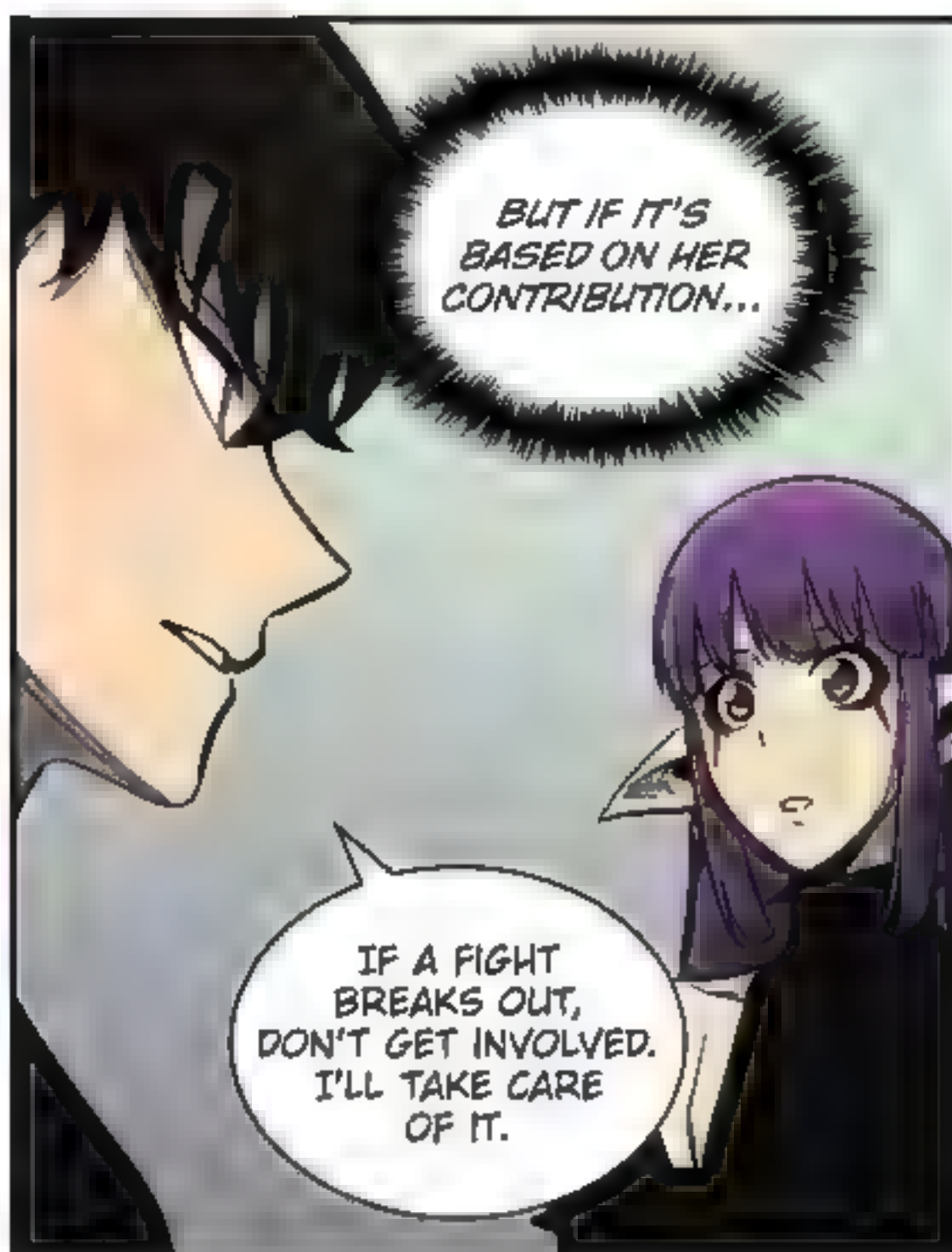
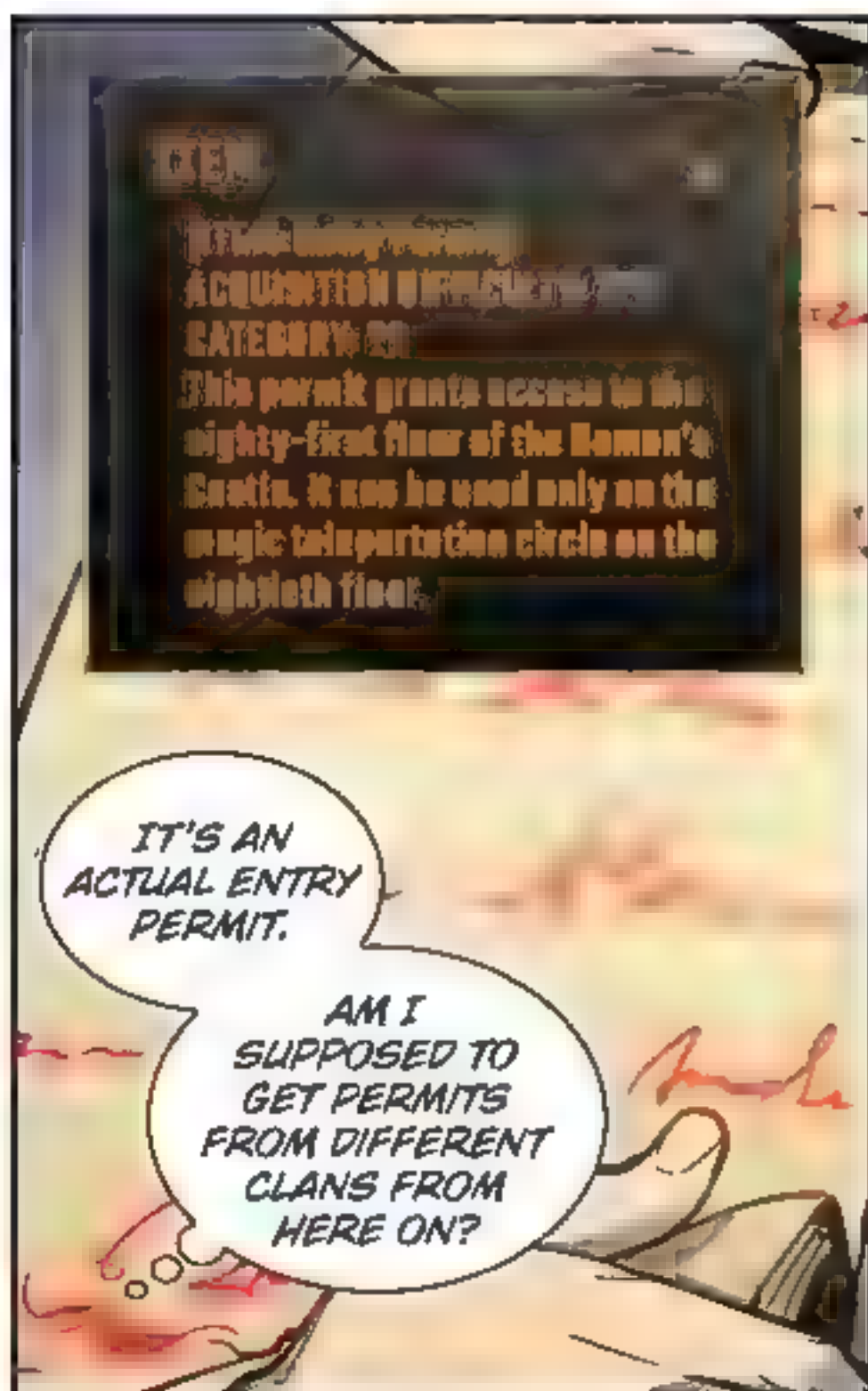
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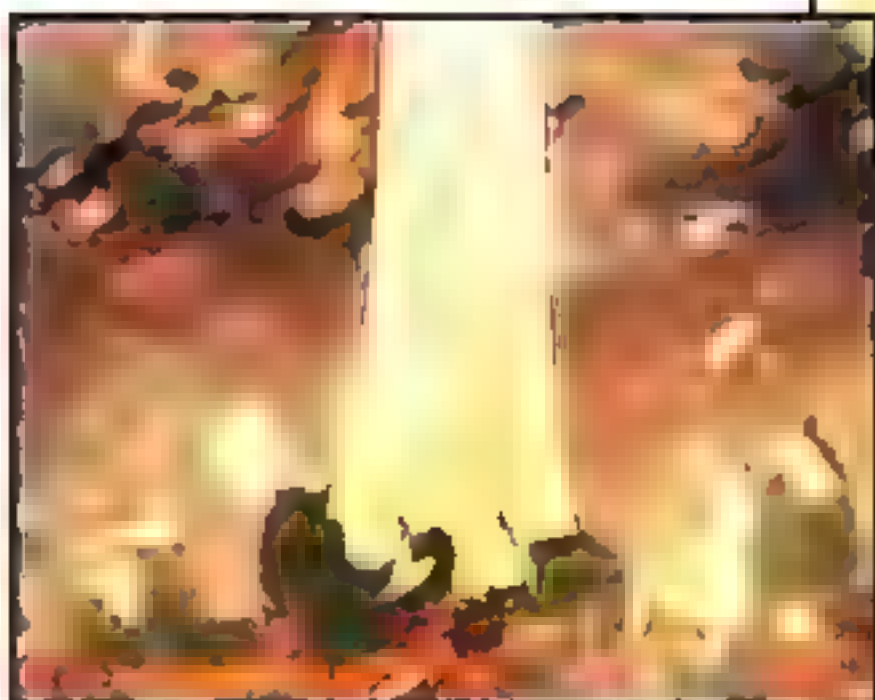
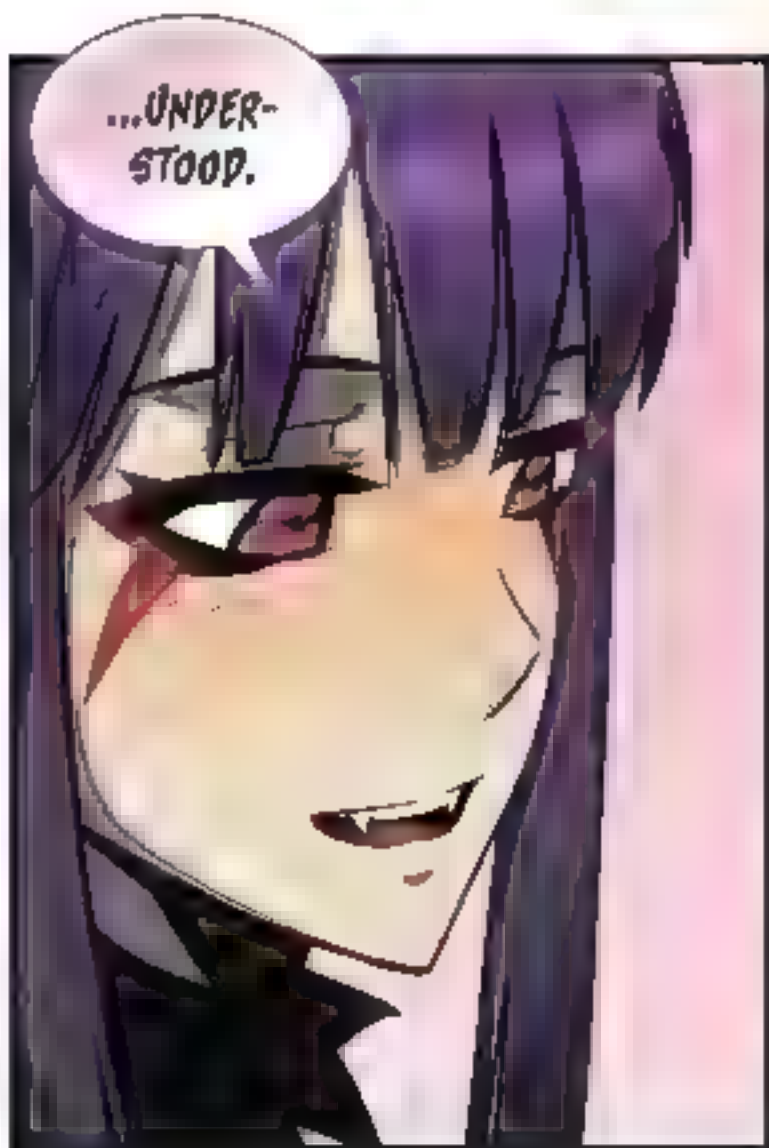
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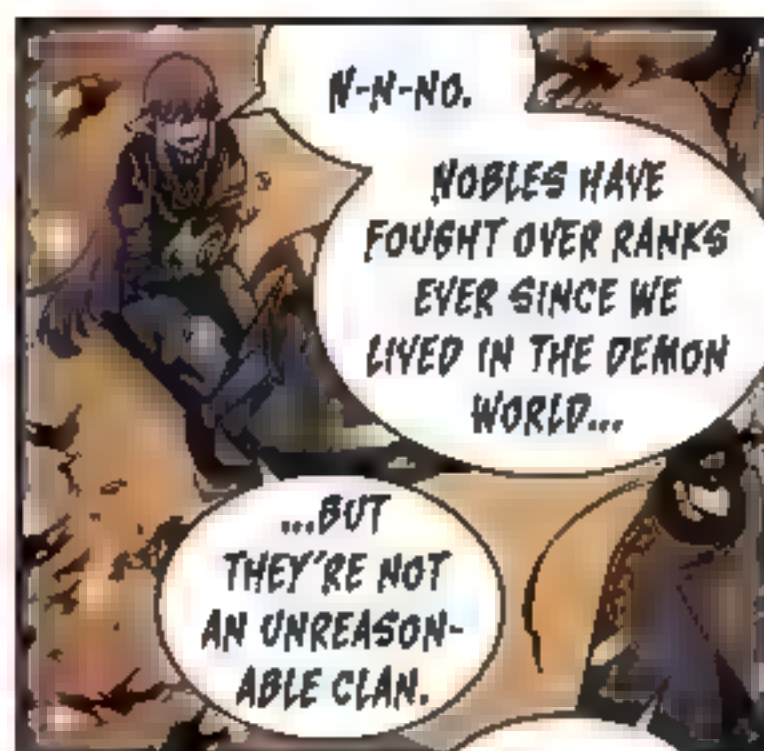
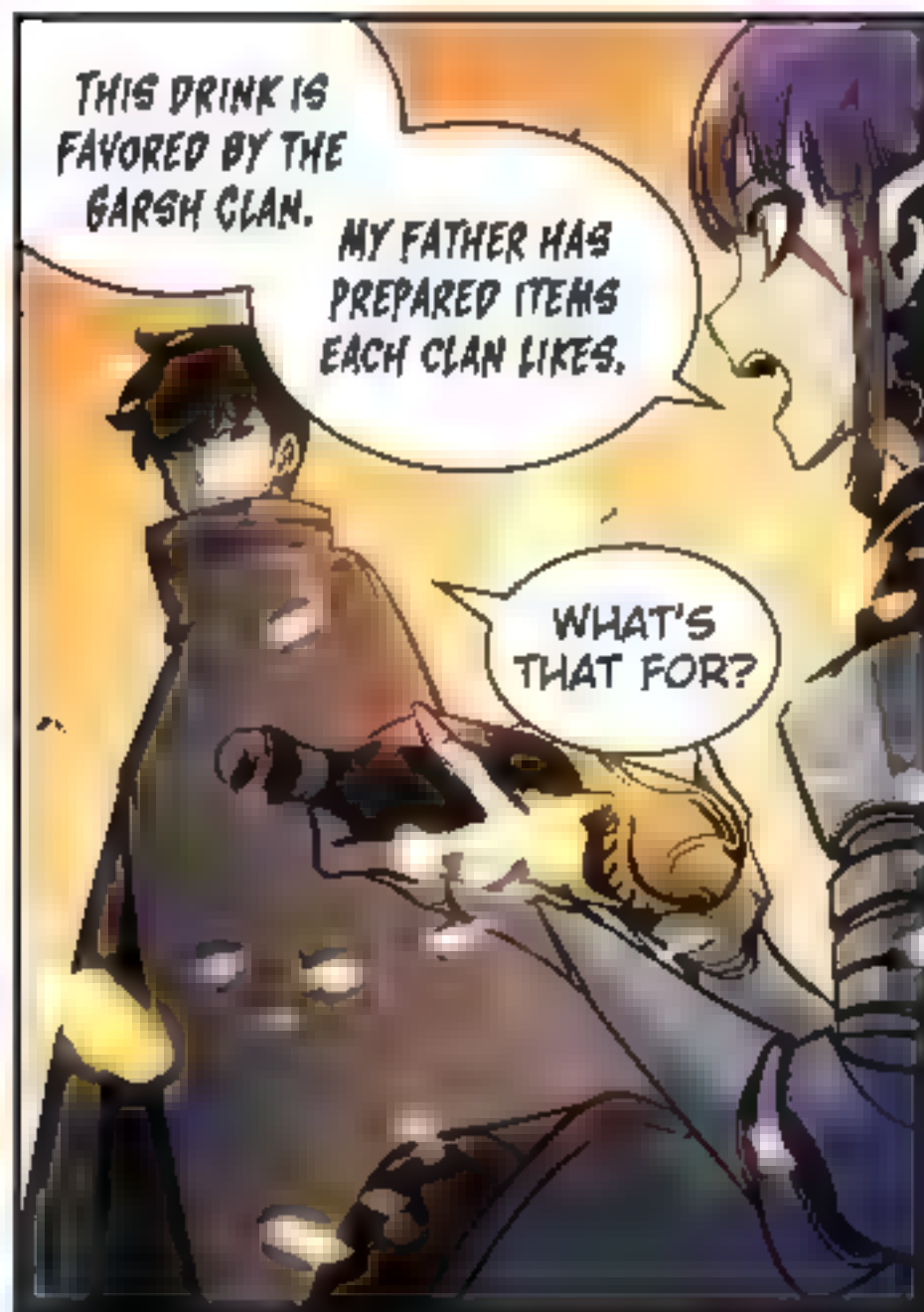
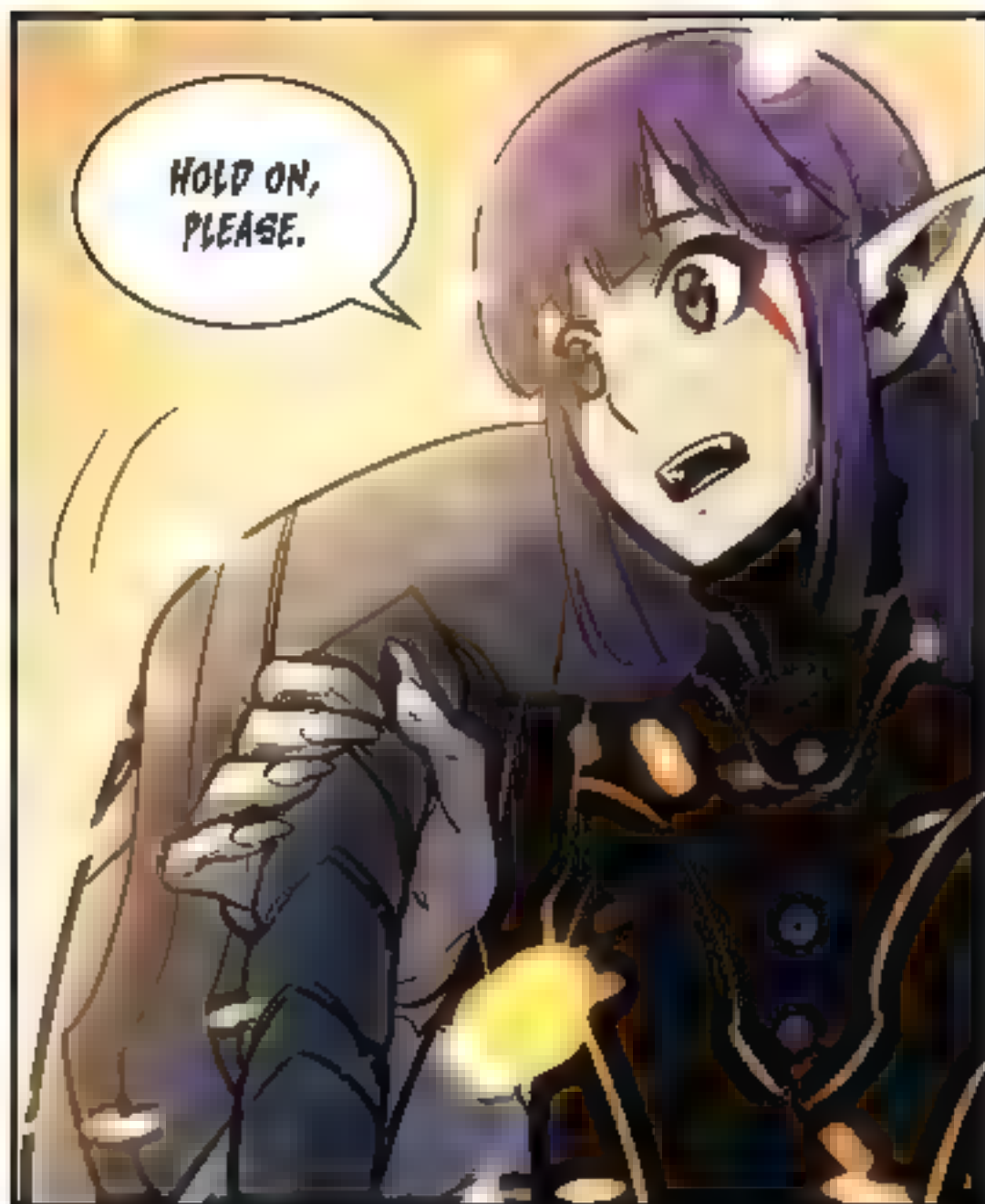


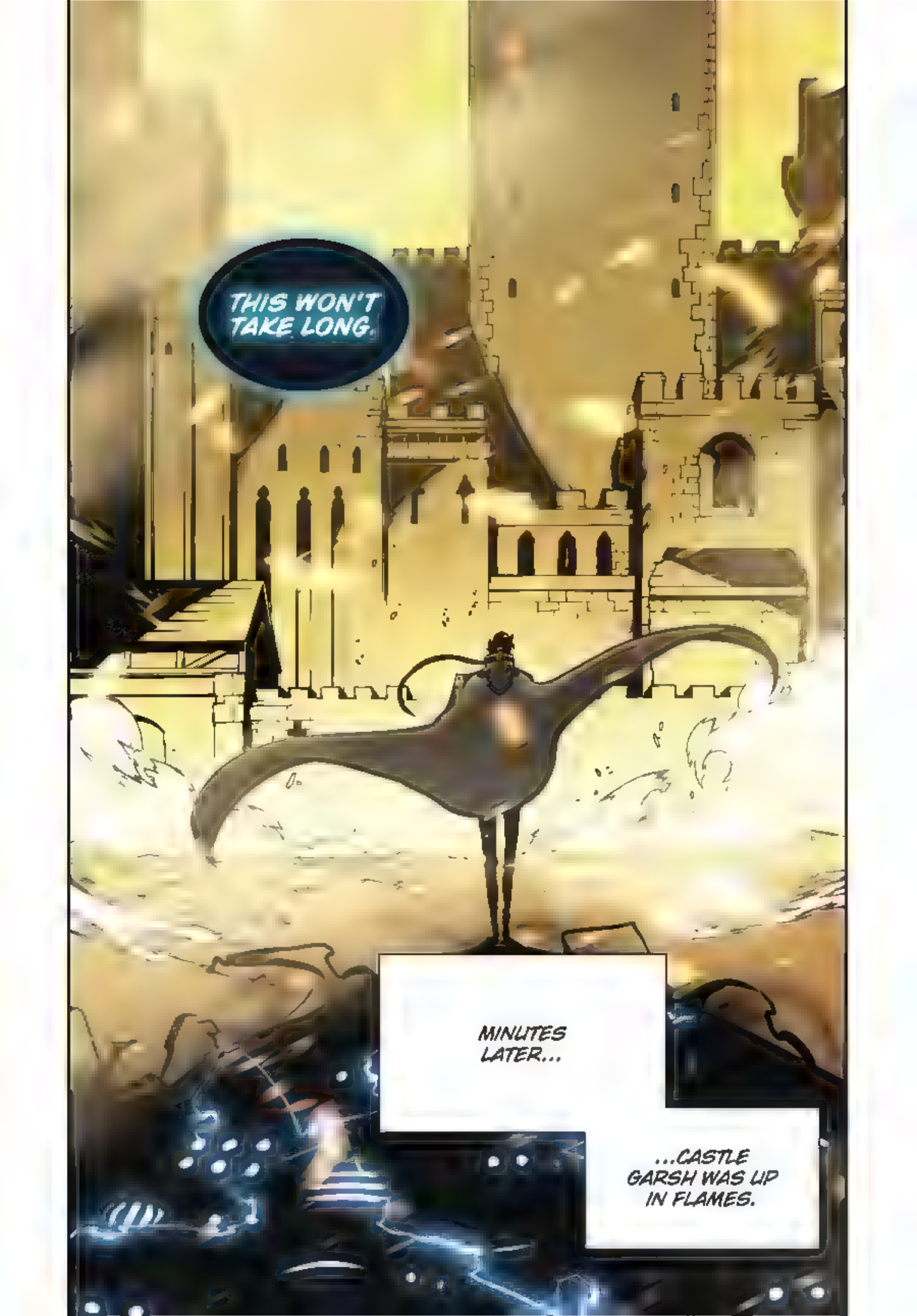
A GUIDE?







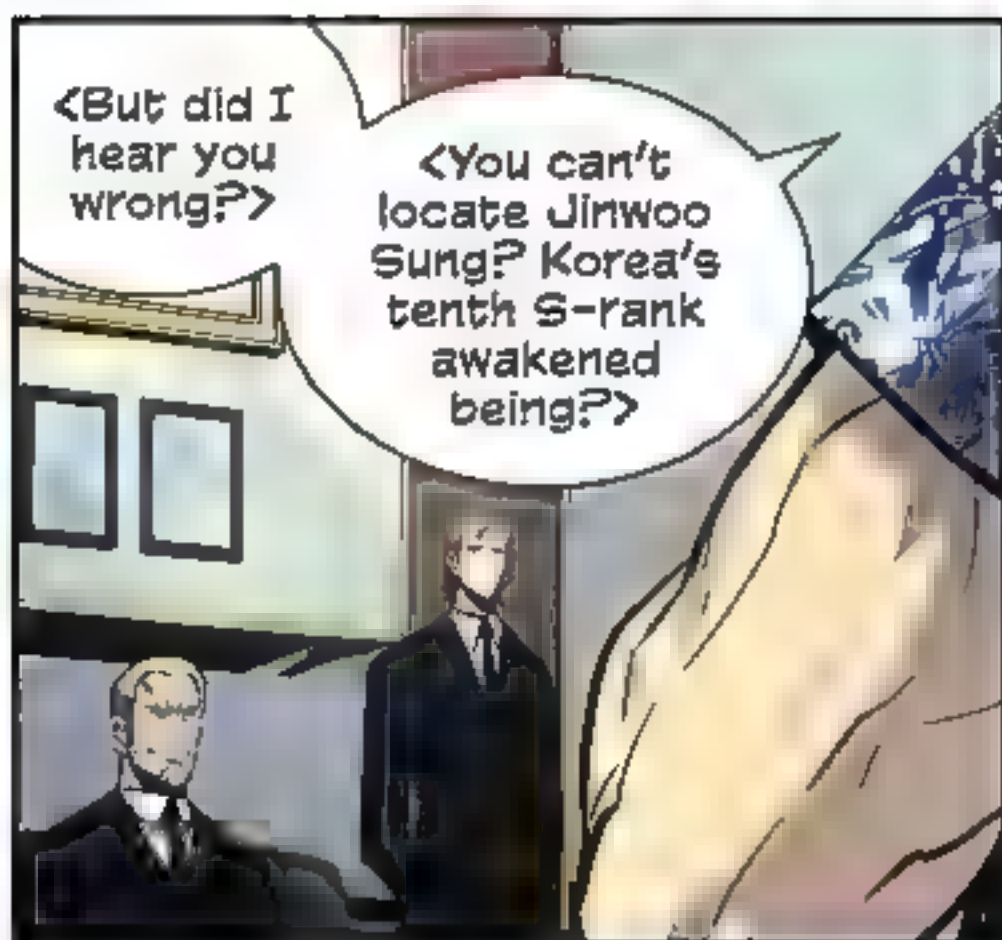
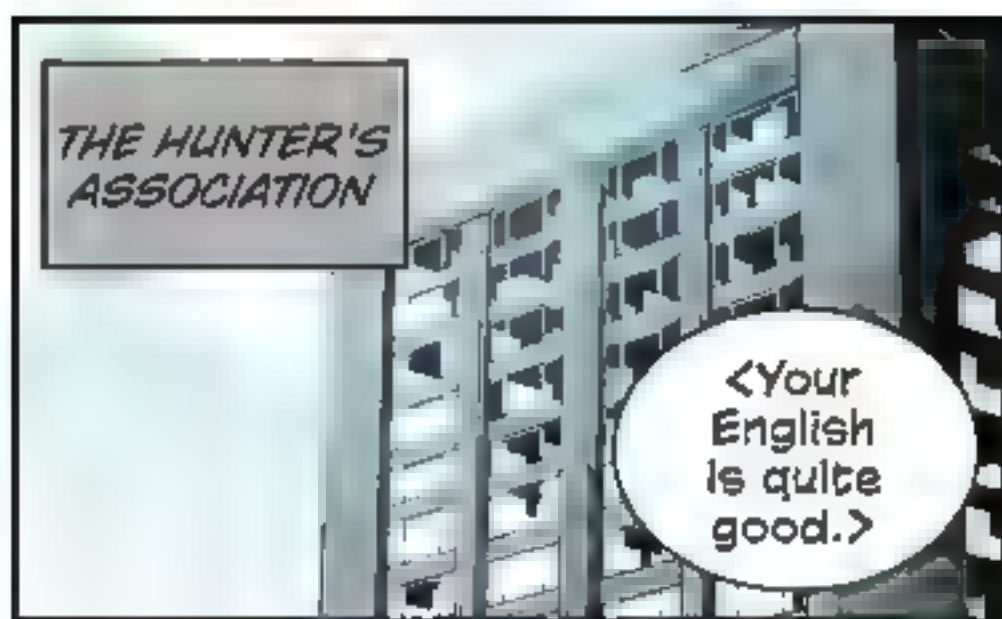


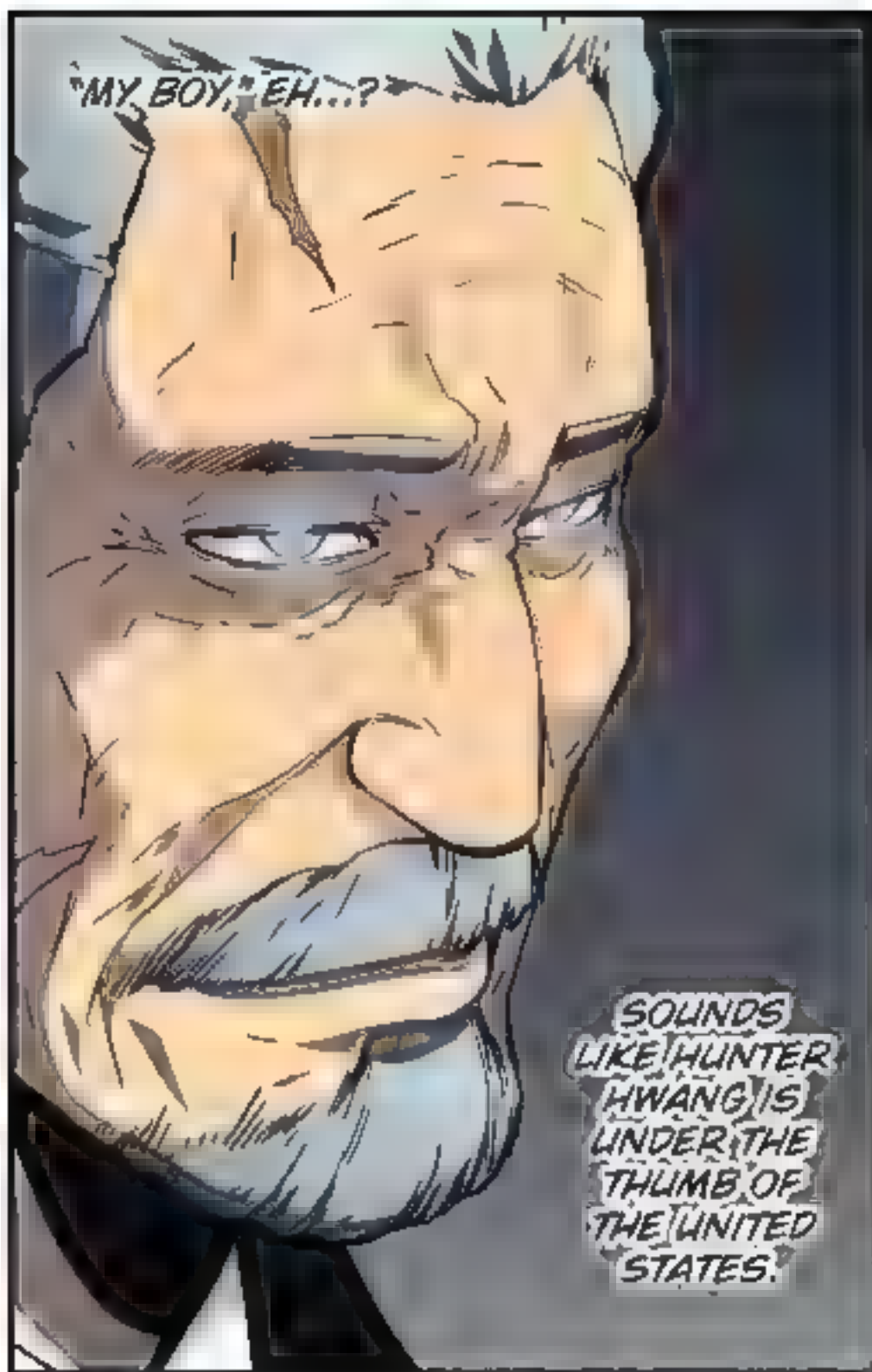


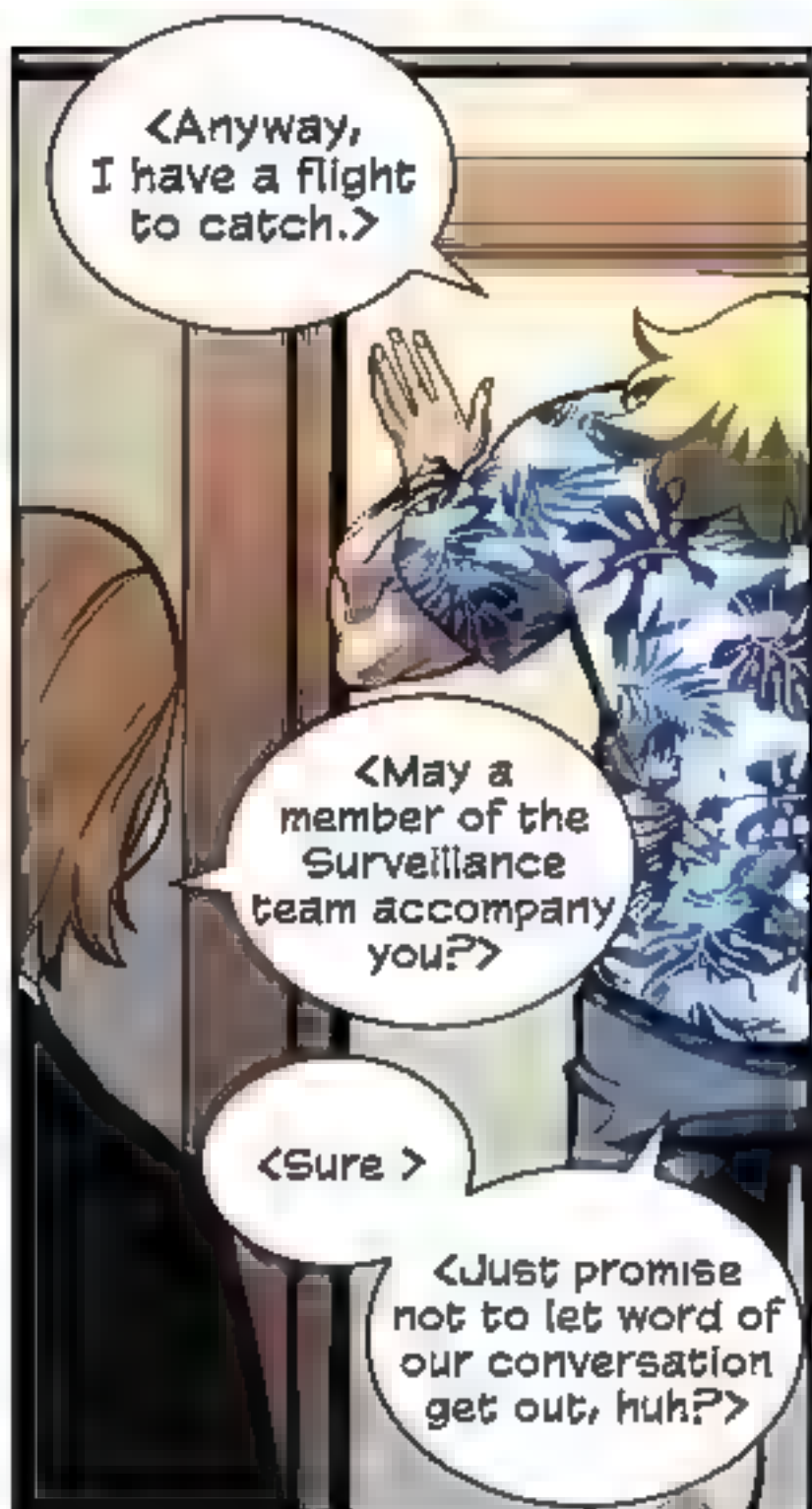
**THIS WON'T
TAKE LONG.**

**MINUTES
LATER...**

**...CASTLE
GARSH WAS UP
IN FLAMES.**









You have defeated a demon noble.
You have acquired 4,500 XP.

Level: 87

HIGH OPPONENT
LEVEL MEANS HIGH
AMOUNT OF XP
REWARDED.

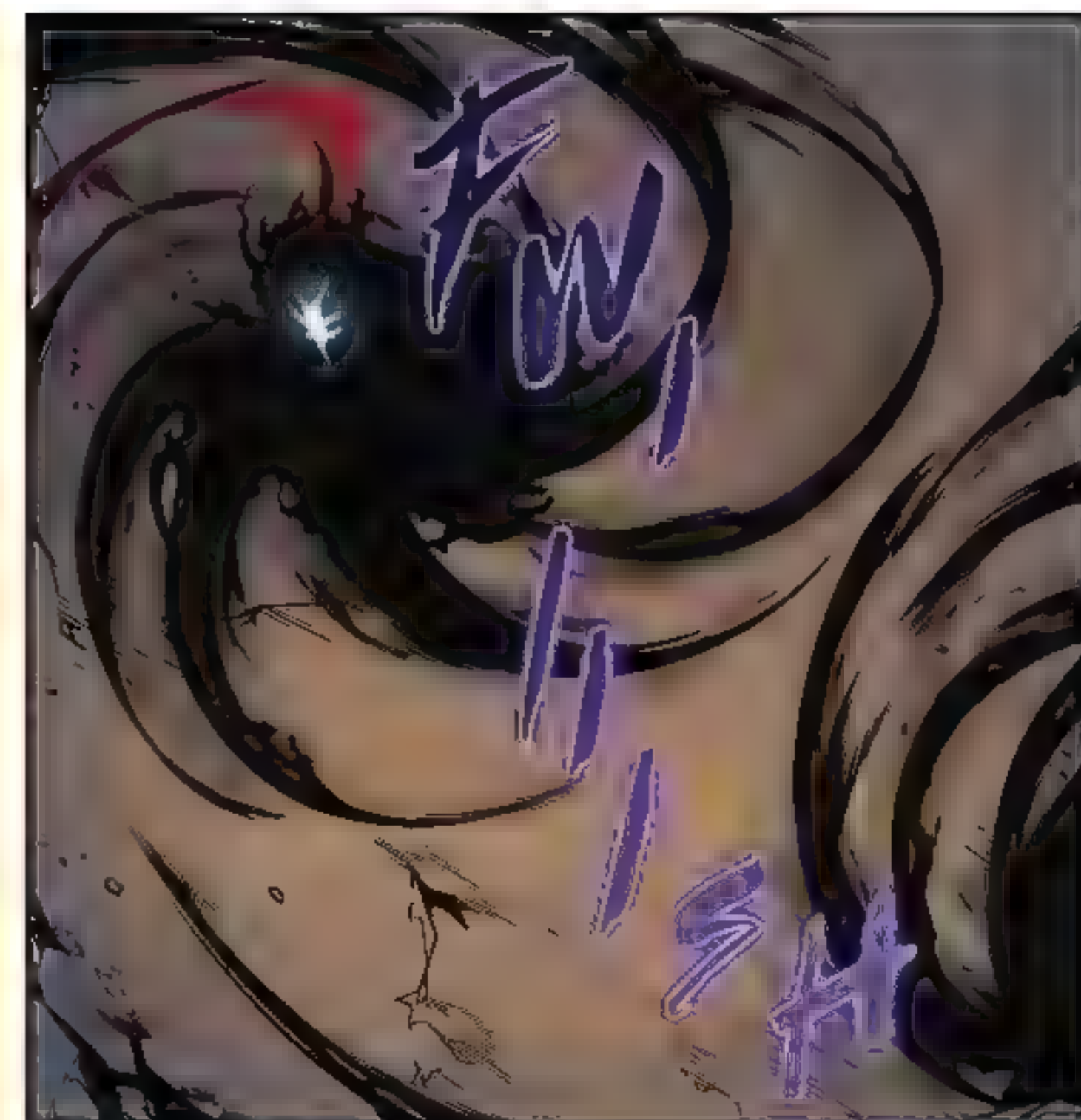
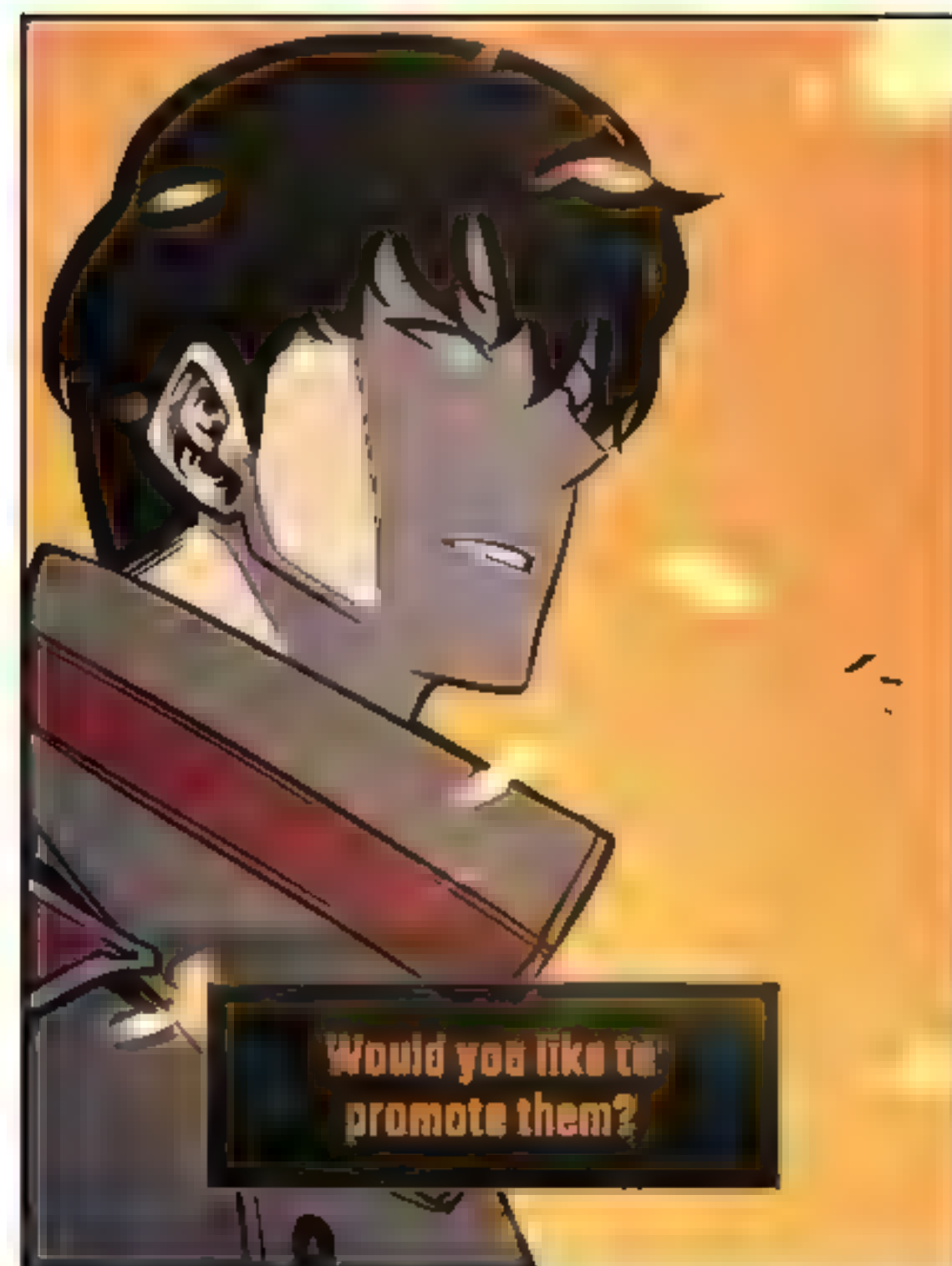
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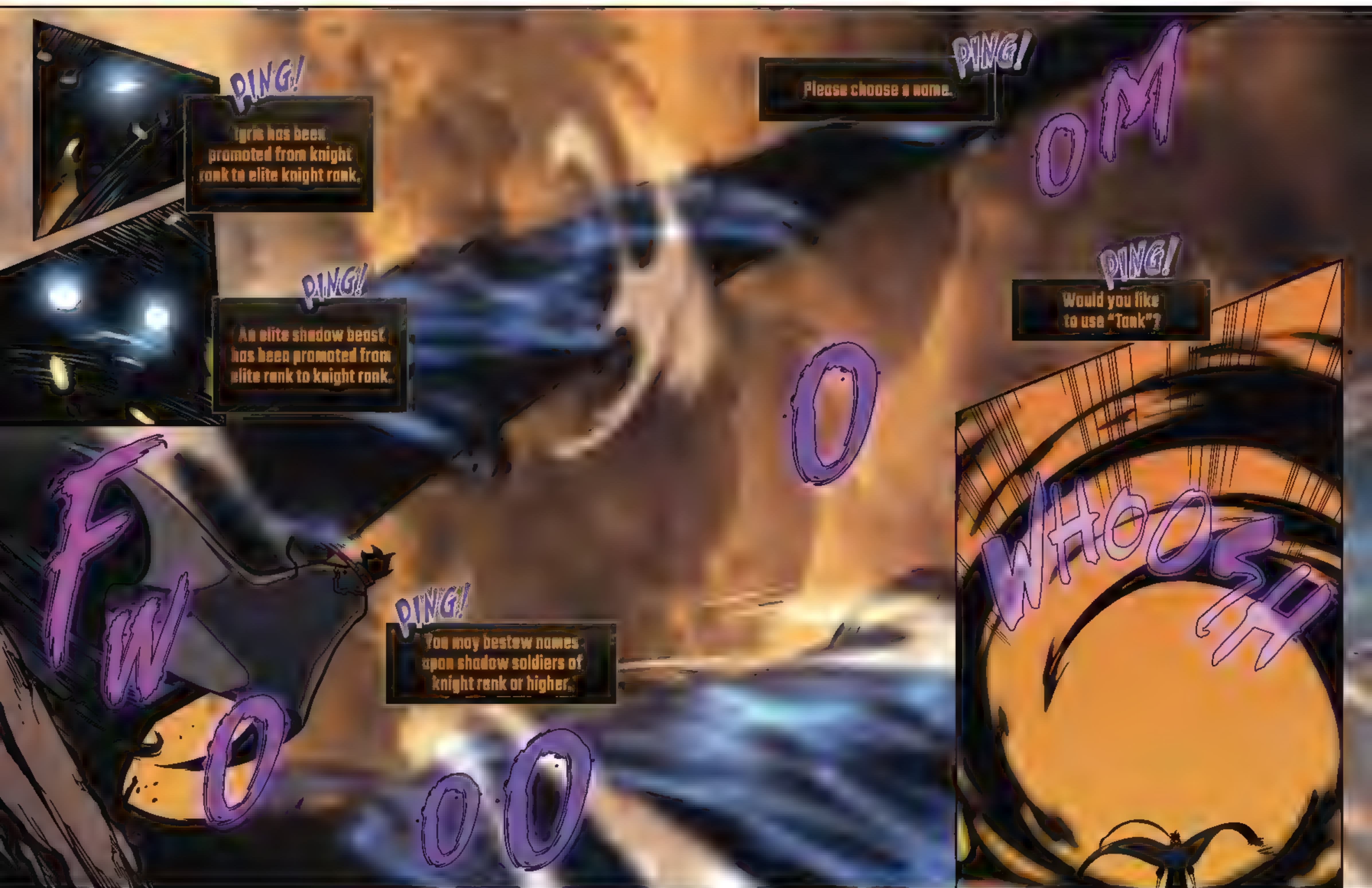
[Igris Lv. MAX]
Knight Rank

This soldier has reached
the maximum possible
level for his rank. With the
monarch's approval, he
may rise to the next rank.

[Shadow Beast Lv. MAX]
Elite Rank

This soldier has reached
the maximum possible
level for his rank. With the
monarch's approval, he
may rise to the next rank.





PING!

Tyris has been promoted from knight rank to elite knight rank.

Please choose a name.

PING!

OM

PING!

An elite shadow beast has been promoted from elite rank to knight rank.

PING!

Would you like to use "Tank"?

O

PING!

You may bestow names upon shadow soldiers of knight rank or higher.

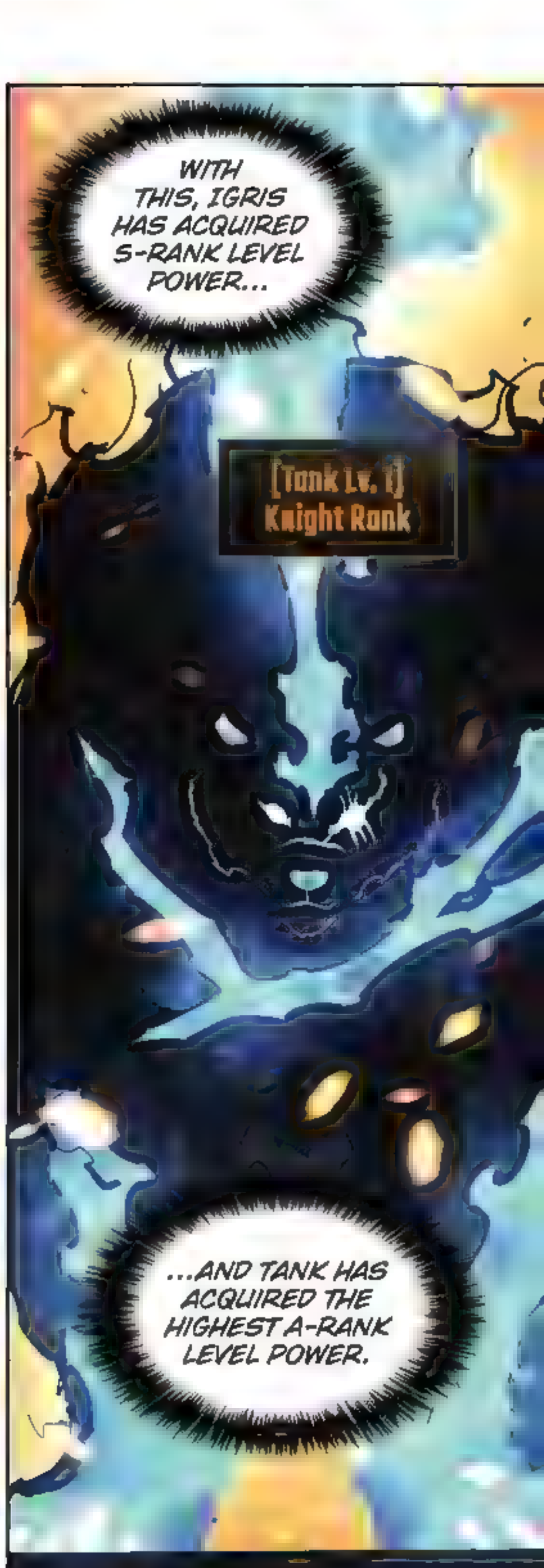
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**[Igris Lv. 1]
Elite Knight Rank**

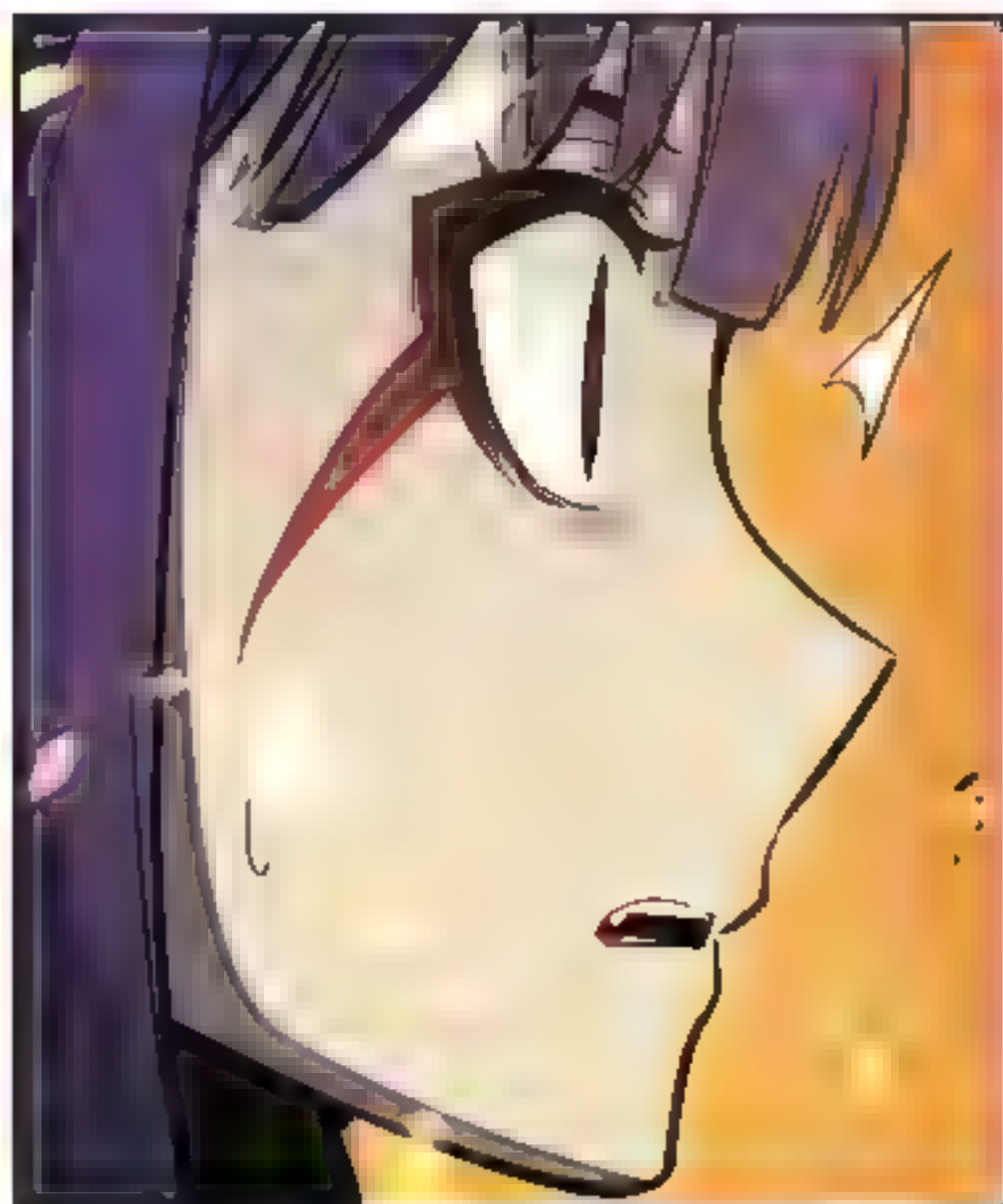
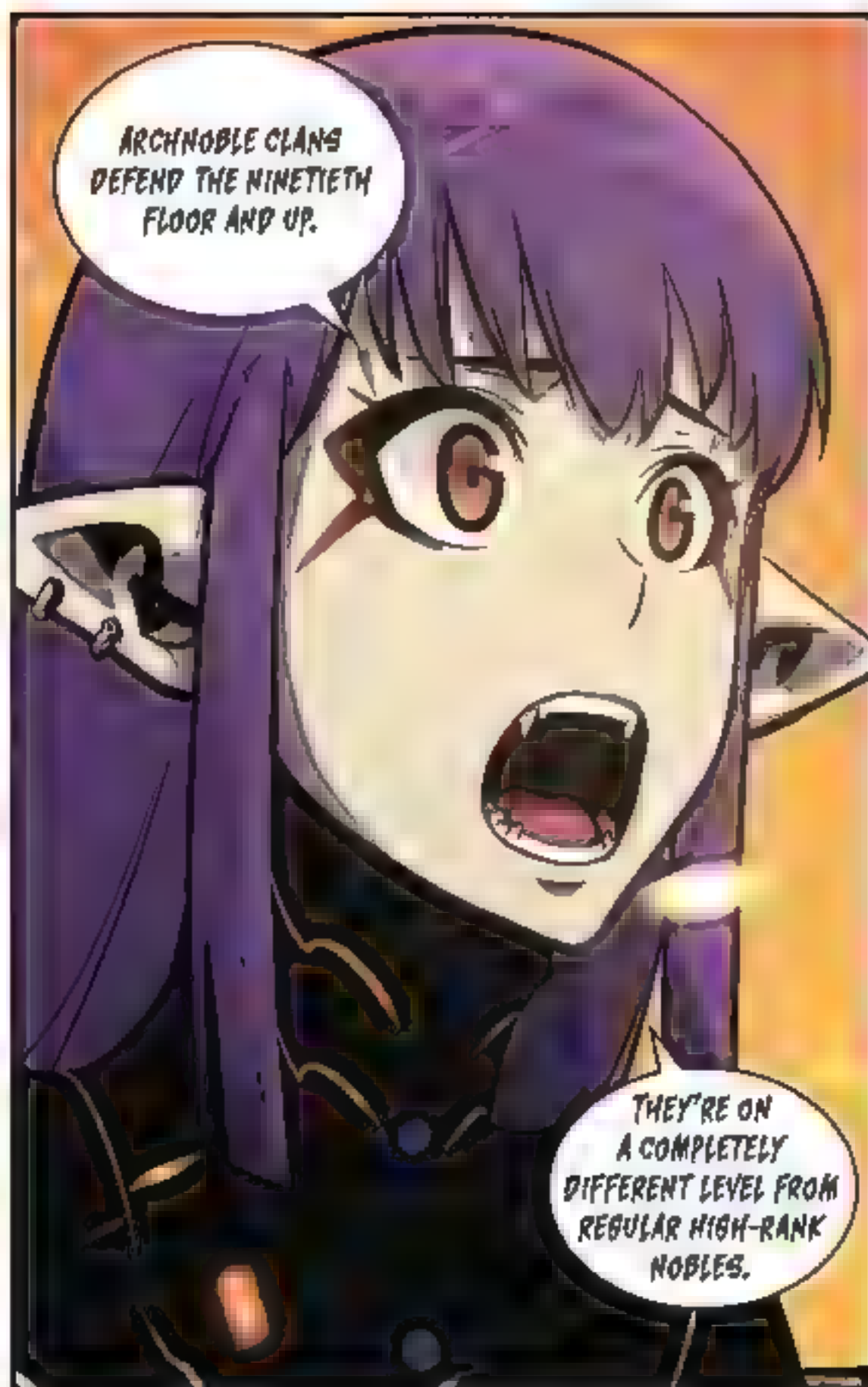
IGRIS IS
EMITTING A
DIFFERENT KIND
OF ENERGY!

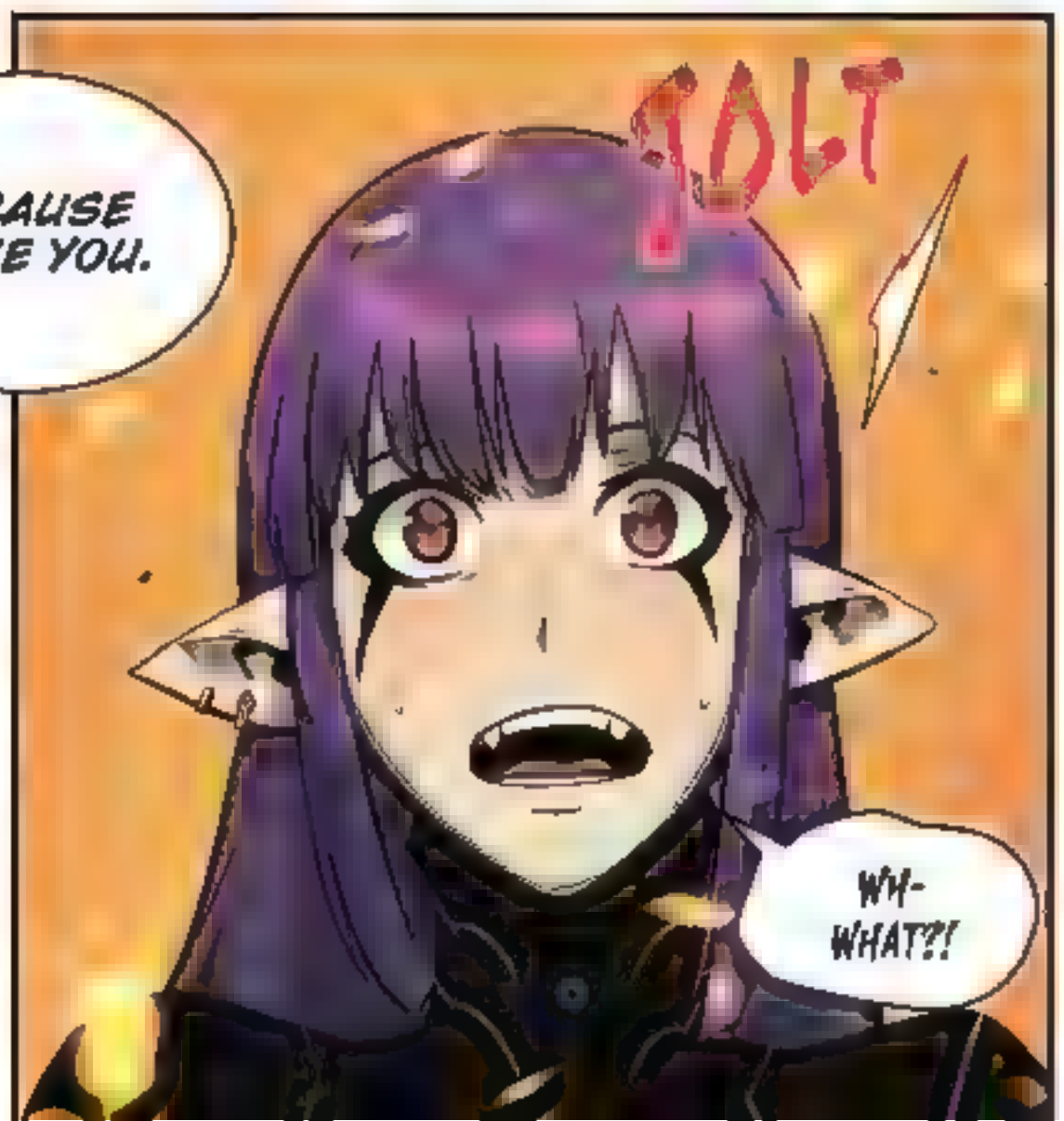
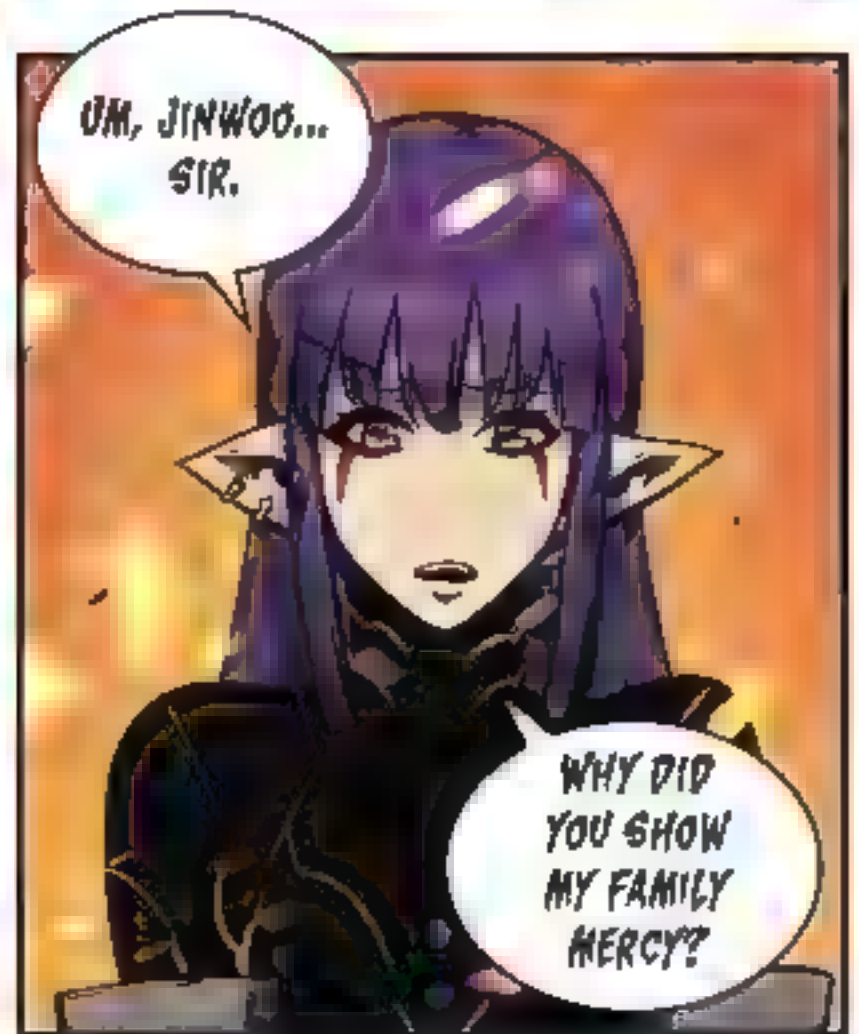
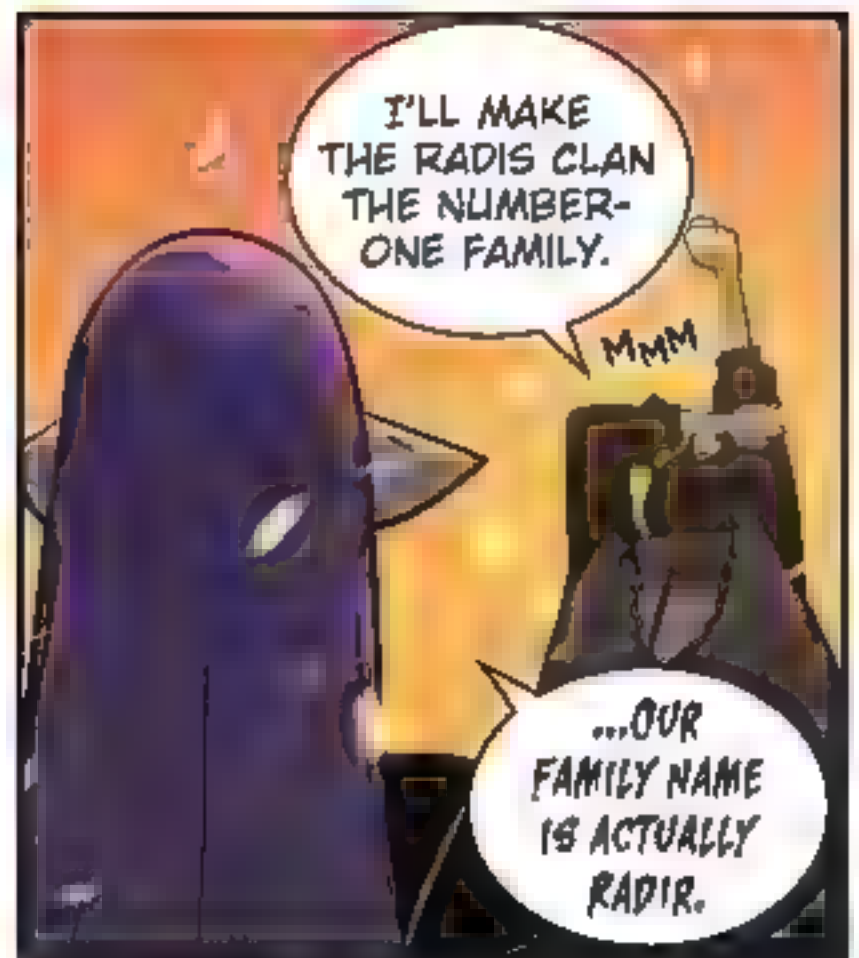


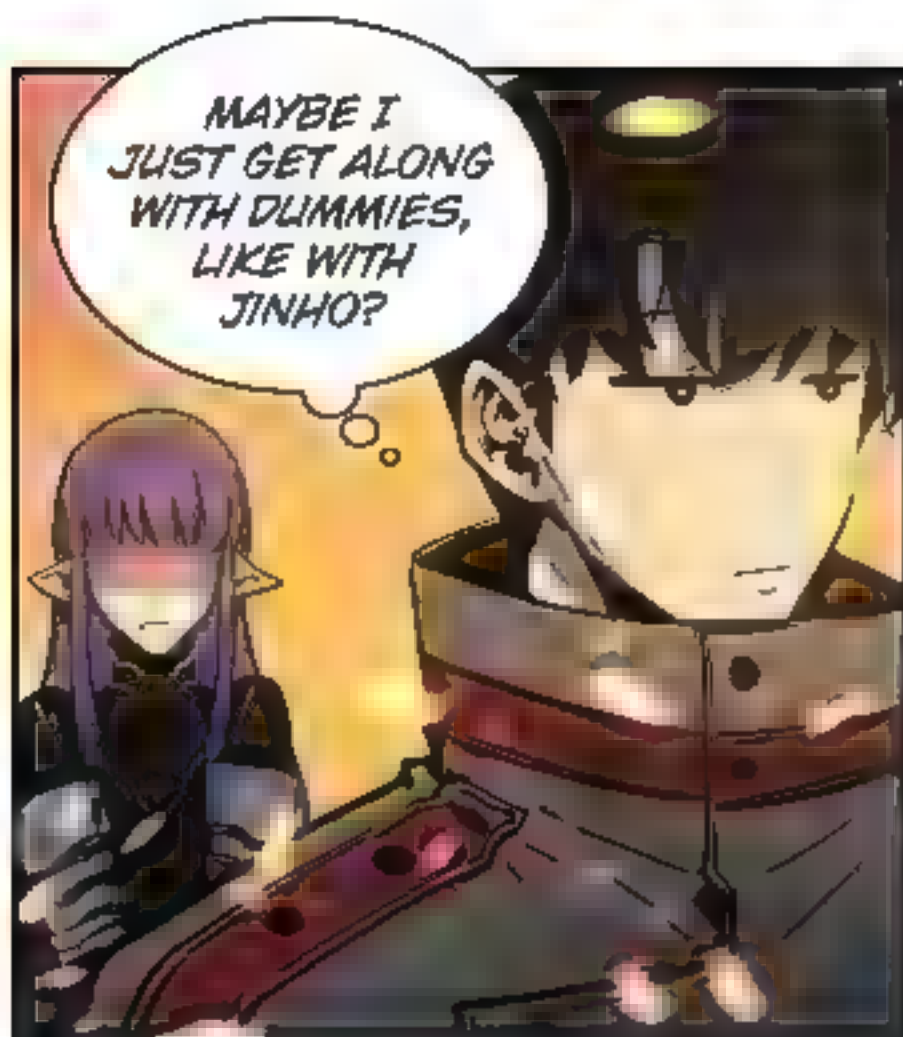
WITH
THIS, IGRIS
HAS ACQUIRED
S-RANK LEVEL
POWER...

**[Tank Lv. 1]
Knight Rank**

...AND TANK HAS
ACQUIRED THE
HIGHEST A-RANK
LEVEL POWER.







JUST AS ESIL SAID,
THE DIFFICULTY
LEVEL INCREASED
DRASTICALLY FROM THE
NINETIETH FLOOR.

THE NUMBER AND
LEVEL OF MONSTERS
GUARDING EACH FLOOR
WERE INCOMPARABLY
HIGHER THAN THOSE
ON LOWER FLOORS.



I CAN'T EVEN
PUT MY INCREASING
INTELLIGENCE STAT TO
GOOD USE BECAUSE
MY MANA FLUCTUATES
SO MUCH.

THAT MEANS
COUNTLESS
SHADOW SOLDIERS ARE
DYING, REGENERATING,
AND REPEATING THE
CYCLE OVER AND
OVER AGAIN.

97TH
FLOOR

BUT I DIDN'T
REACH THE
NINETIETH FLOOR
THROUGH SHEER
LUCK.

Level: 80



FIRST THE
FIFTH-RANKED
RICARDO CLAN AND
NOW THE FOURTH-
RANKED PATHOS
CLAN...

ARE OTHER
HUMANS AS
POWERFUL AS
Y-YOU?



MAYBE TWO
OF THEM?

GUNHEE GO
AND HAEIN CHA.
THOSE TWO WERE
DEFINITELY STRONGER
THAN MOST
S-RANKS.

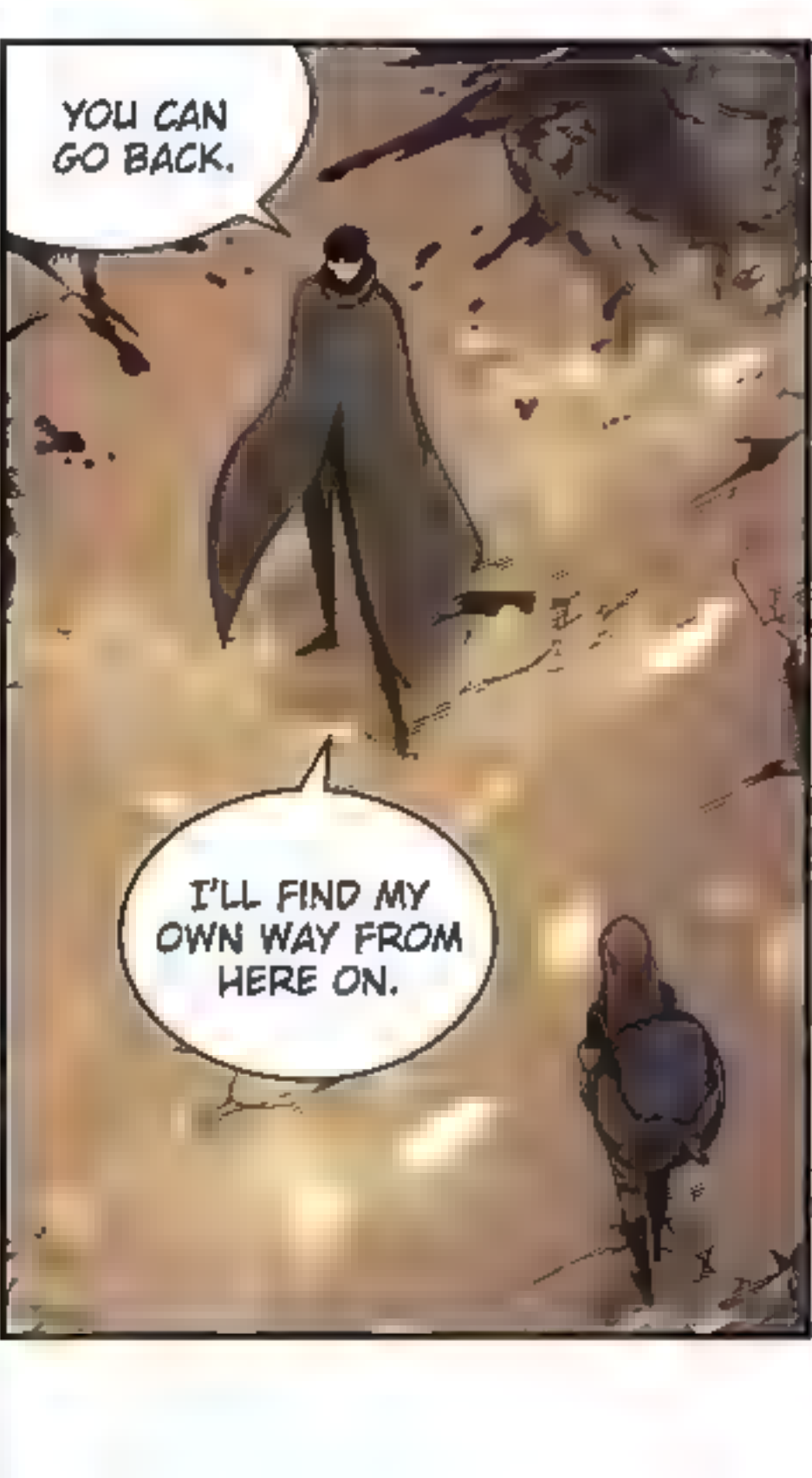
BASED ON HER
ENERGY, I'D PUT
HAEIN A FEW LEVELS
HIGHER THAN THE
ULTIMATE HUNTER,
JONGIN.



EVEN AMONG
S-RANKS, THERE
ARE DIFFERENCES
IN STRENGTH.

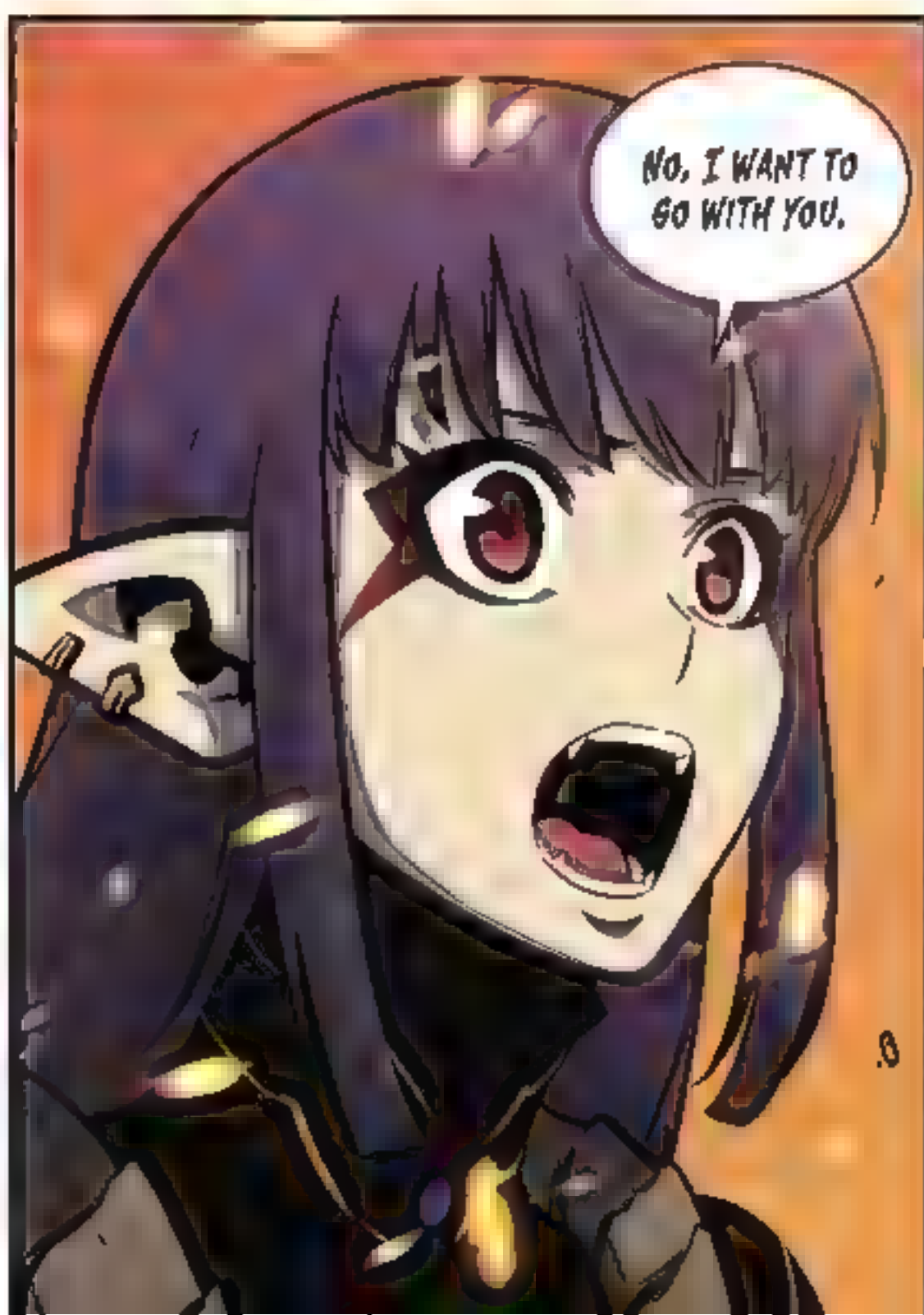
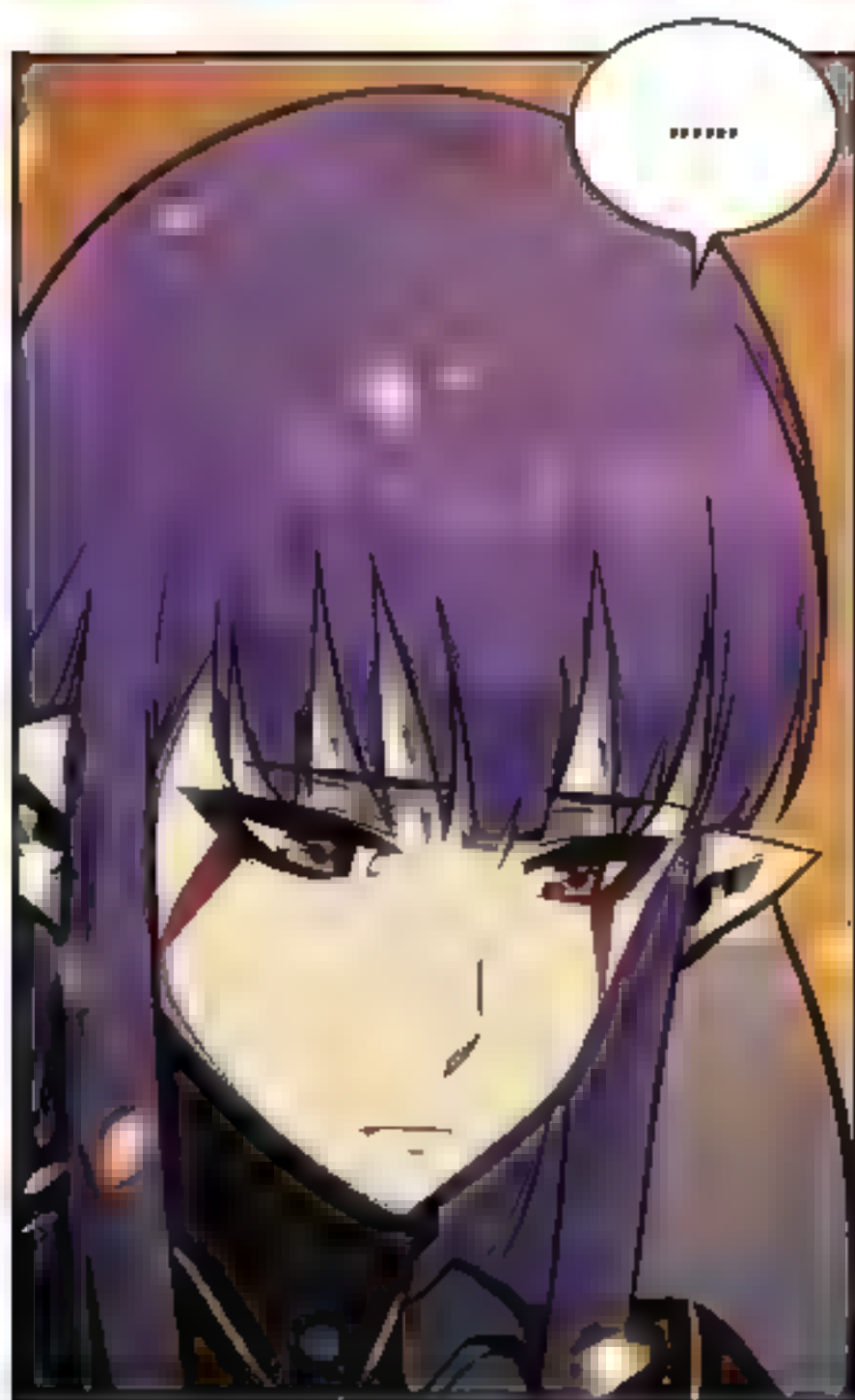
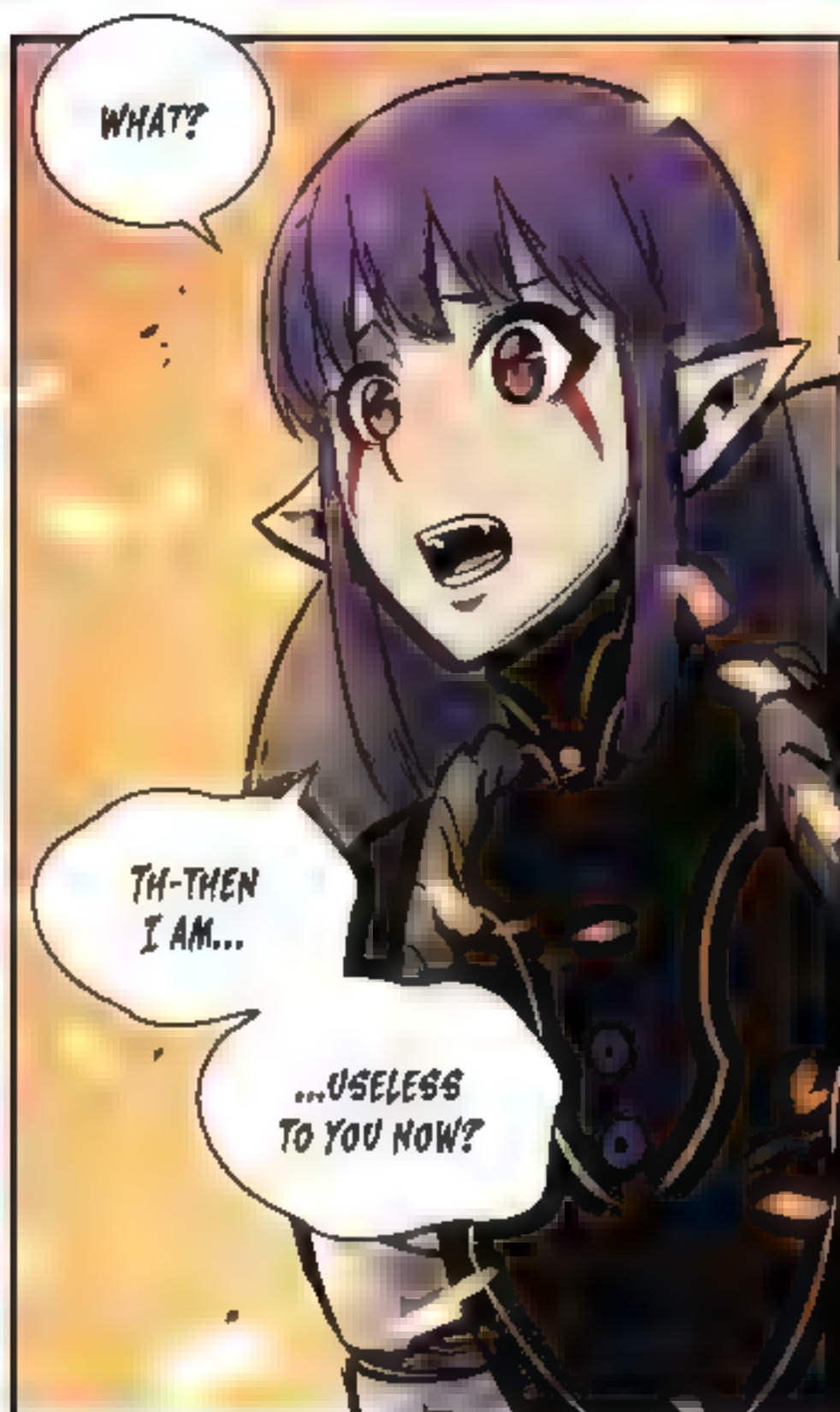
SINCE
THEIR POWERS
CAN'T BE EVALUATED
PRECISELY, THERE
MIGHT BE A BIGGER
DISCREPANCY COM-
PARED TO OTHER
RANKS.

I WAS CLOSER TO
PRESIDENT GO'S LEVEL
BEFORE, BUT IT MAY
BE DIFFERENT NOW
THAT I'VE REACHED THE
HIGHEST FLOOR.



YOU CAN
GO BACK.

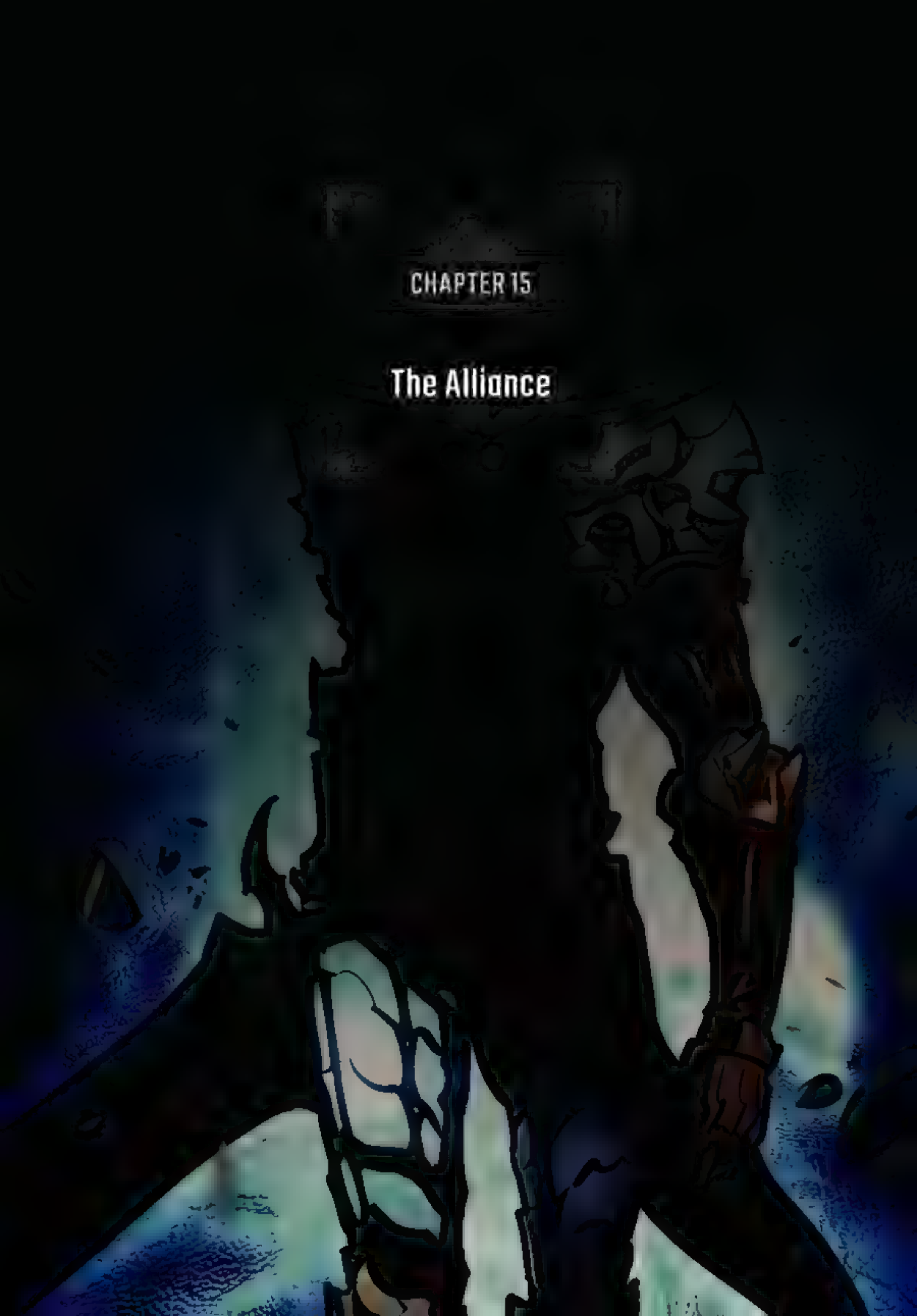
I'LL FIND MY
OWN WAY FROM
HERE ON.



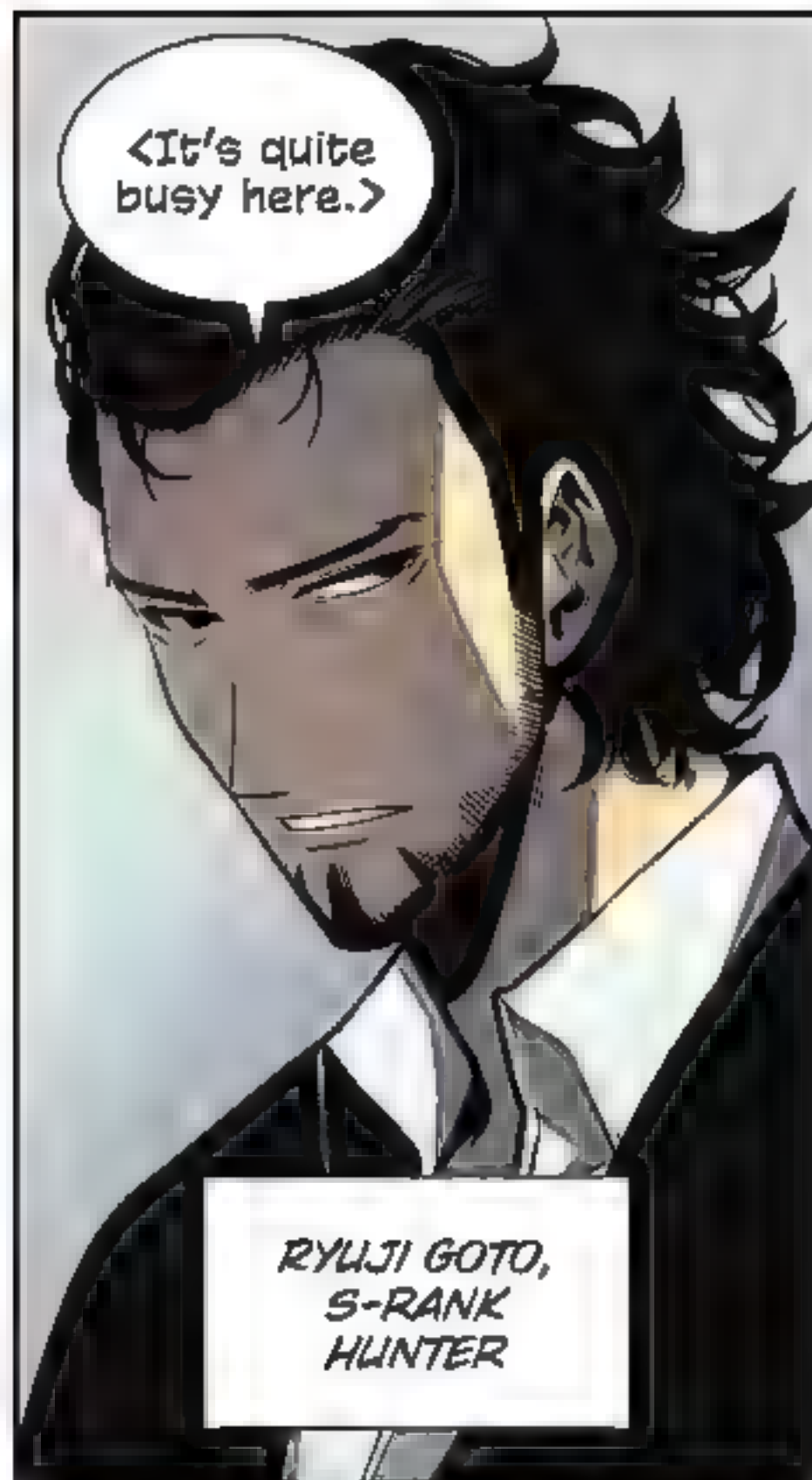
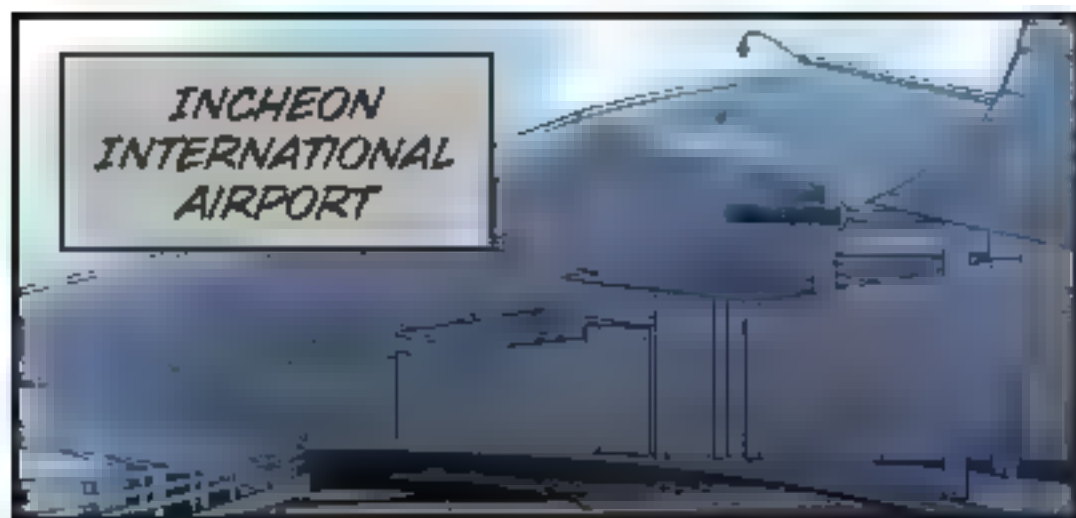


CHAPTER 15

The Alliance



Solo
Leveling







DEFINITELY
NOT YOUR
AVERAGE
PERSON.

JAPAN CURRENTLY HAS
TWENTY-ONE S-RANK
HUNTERS. ELEVEN OF
THEM, WHICH IS MORE
THAN HALF, BELONG
TO THE GUILD OF
THE DRAWN SWORD,
INCLUDING RYUJI GOTO.

UNLIKE KOREA,
WHERE THE FIVE
LARGEST GUILDS
COMPETE WITH ONE
ANOTHER, ONE GUILD
MONOPOLIZES ALL
THE POWER IN JAPAN.

NEEDLESS TO SAY,
RYUJI'S GUILD
IS THE LARGEST
OUTSIDE OF CHINA.



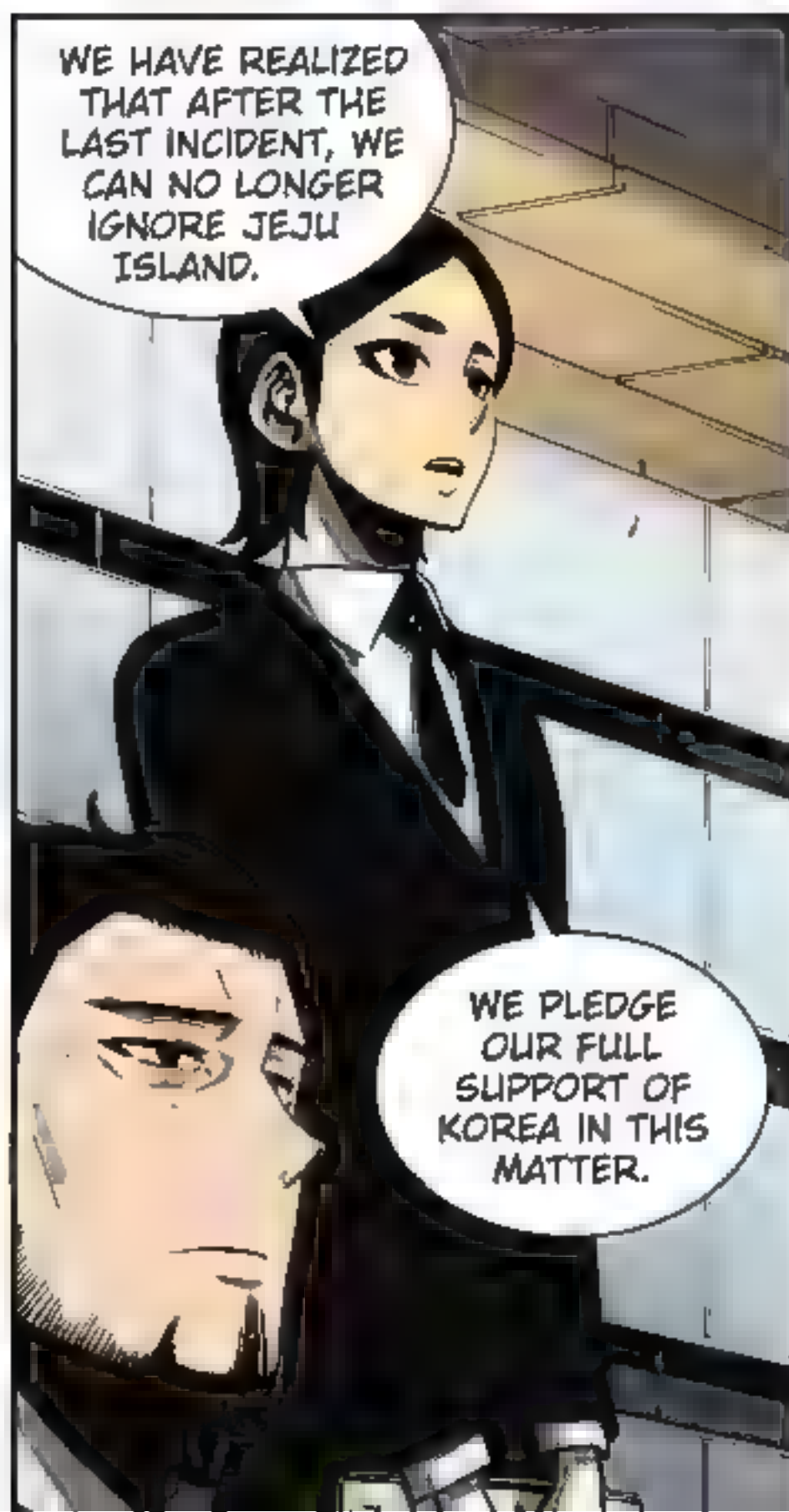
GUILD OF THE DRAWN SWORD

- The second largest guild in Asia.
- Eleven of the guild members are S-rank hunters.
- As the guild is large, it not only operates within Japan but also dispatches mercenaries for hire outside of the country.



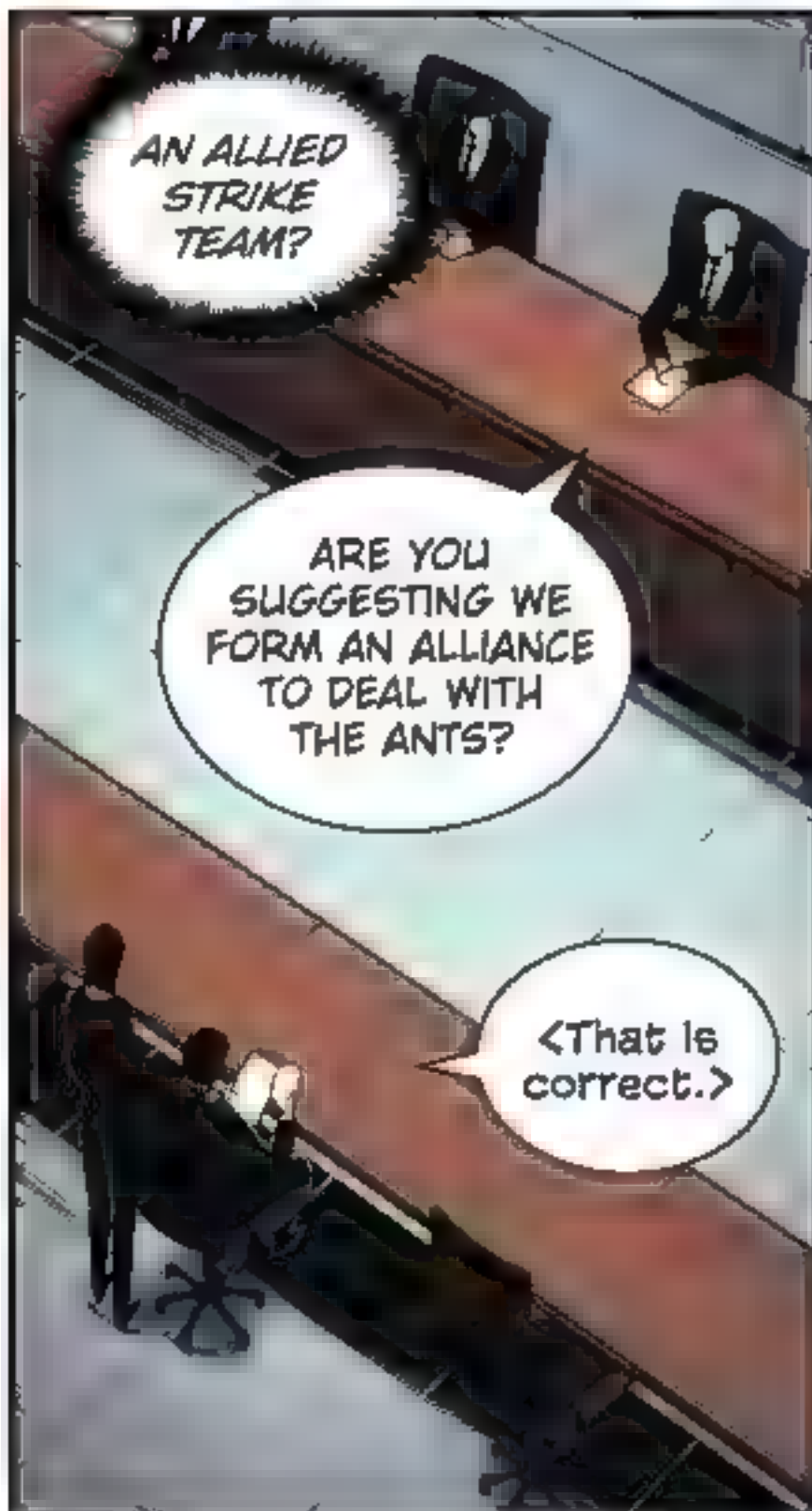
I AM
HANEKAWA, THE
INTERPRETER.

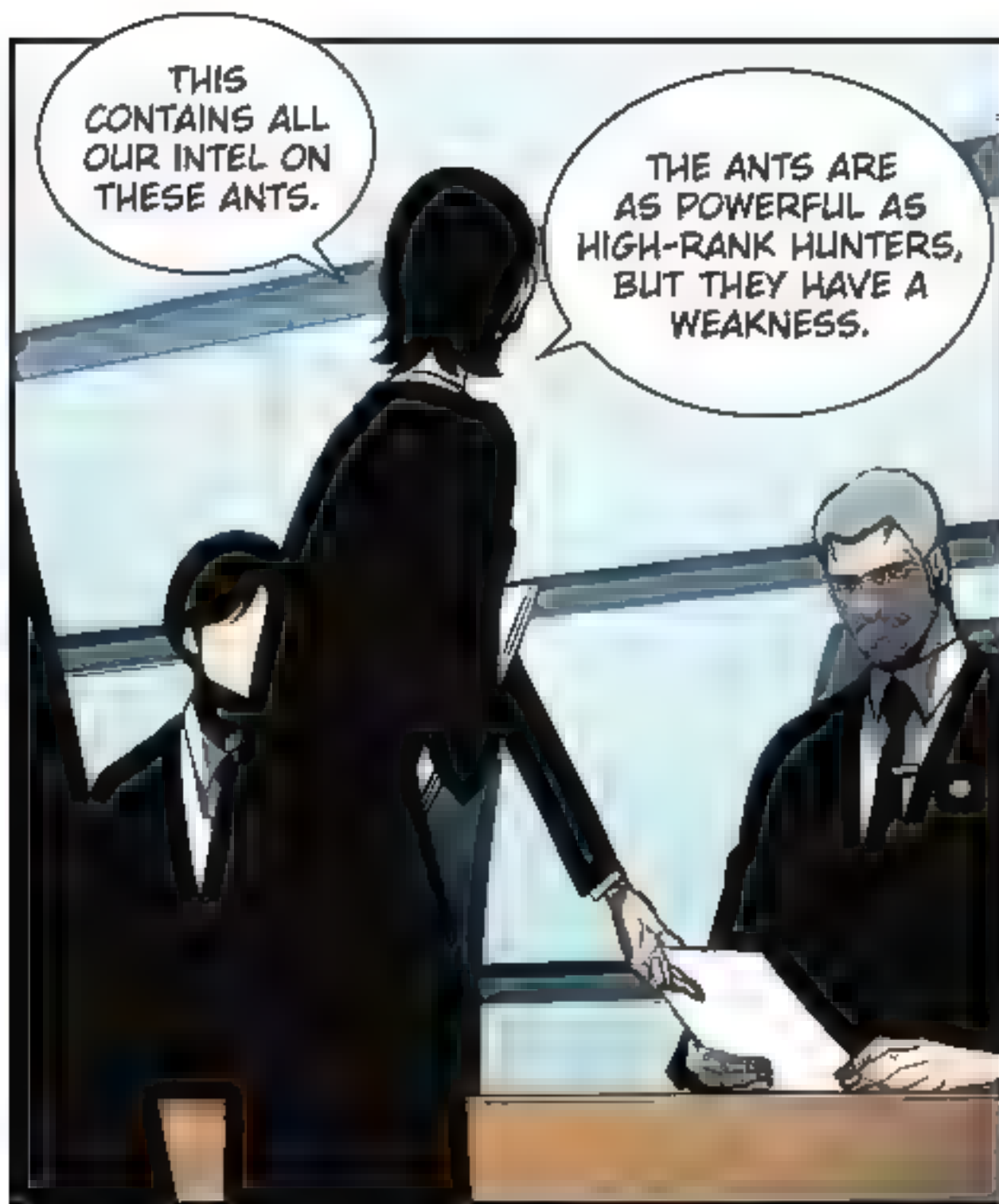
I AM GOING TO
TRANSLATE FOR
MR. GOTO.



WE HAVE REALIZED
THAT AFTER THE
LAST INCIDENT, WE
CAN NO LONGER
IGNORE JEJU
ISLAND.

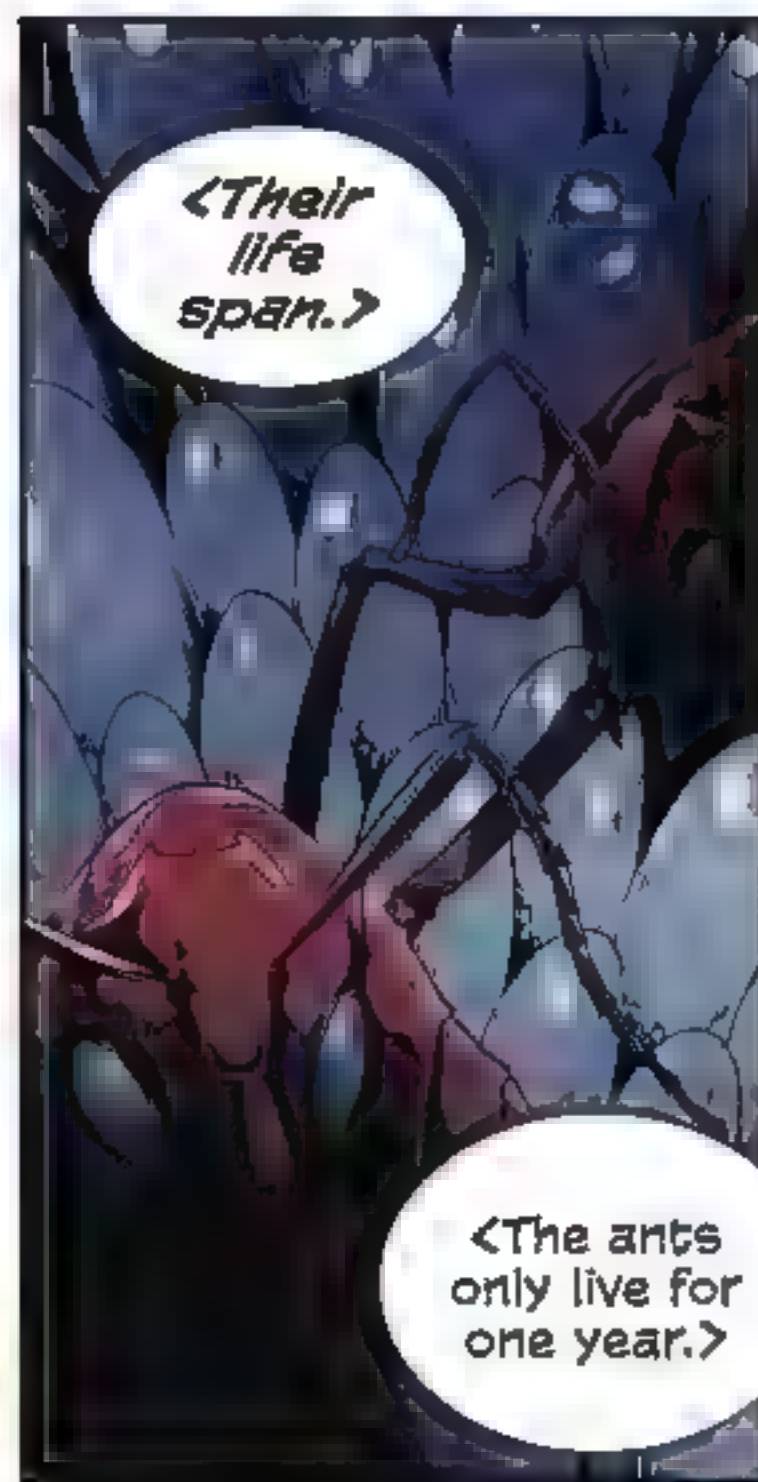
WE PLEDGE
OUR FULL
SUPPORT OF
KOREA IN THIS
MATTER.





THIS
CONTAINS ALL
OUR INTEL ON
THESE ANTS.

THE ANTS ARE
AS POWERFUL AS
HIGH-RANK HUNTERS,
BUT THEY HAVE A
WEAKNESS.



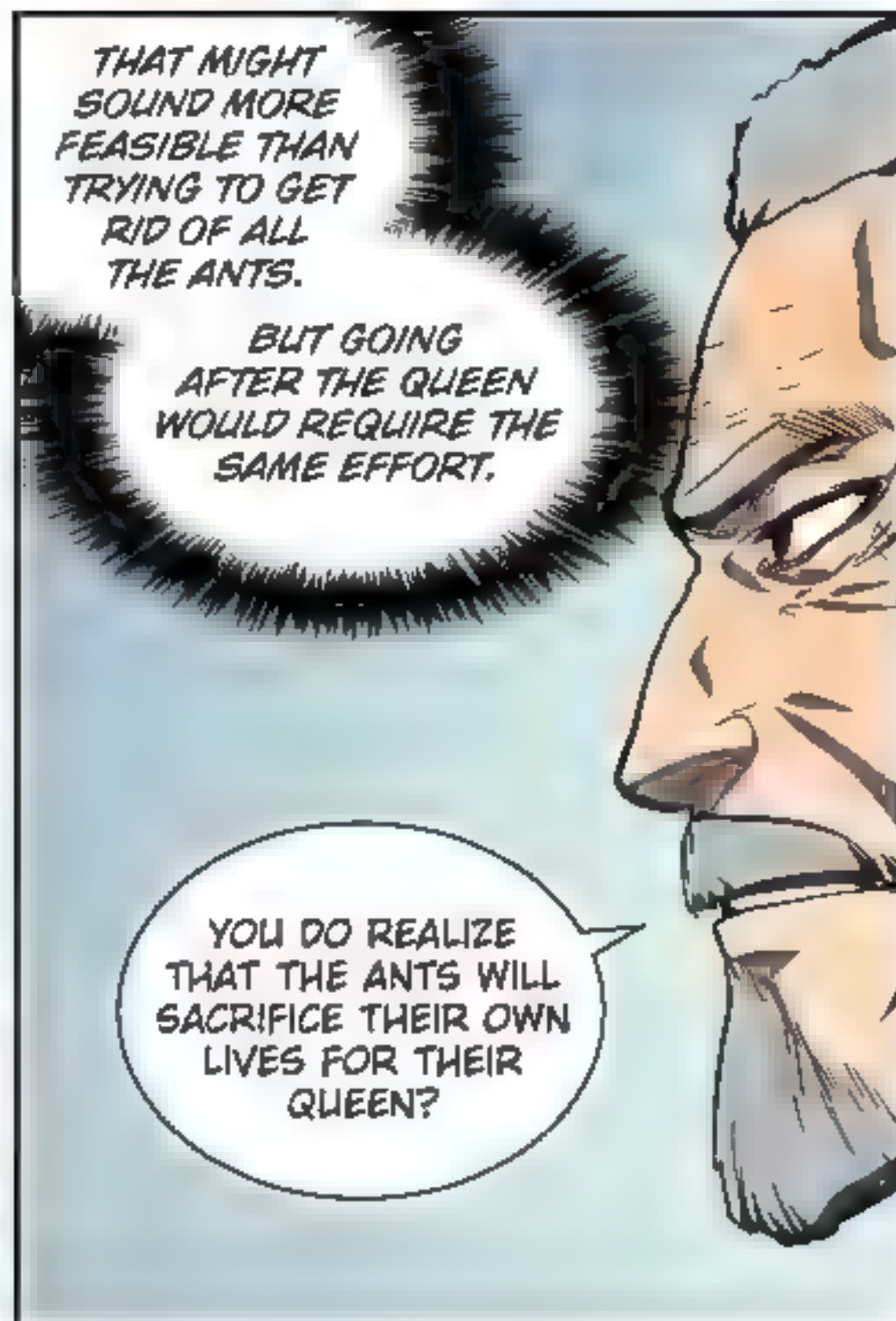
*<Their
life
span.>*

*<The ants
only live for
one year.>*



*<In other words,
once we eliminate
the queen ant, all
the other ants on
Jeju Island will
naturally die off
within a year.>*

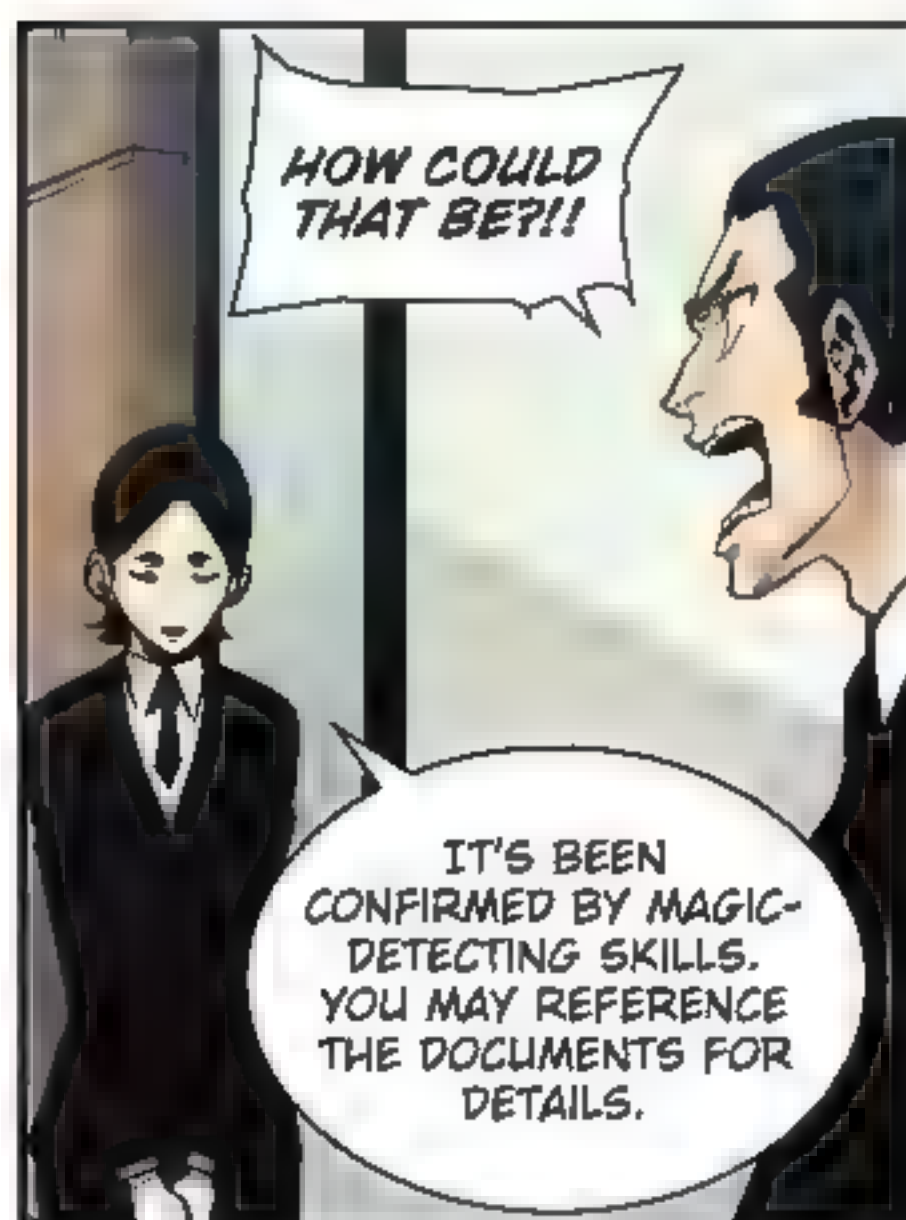
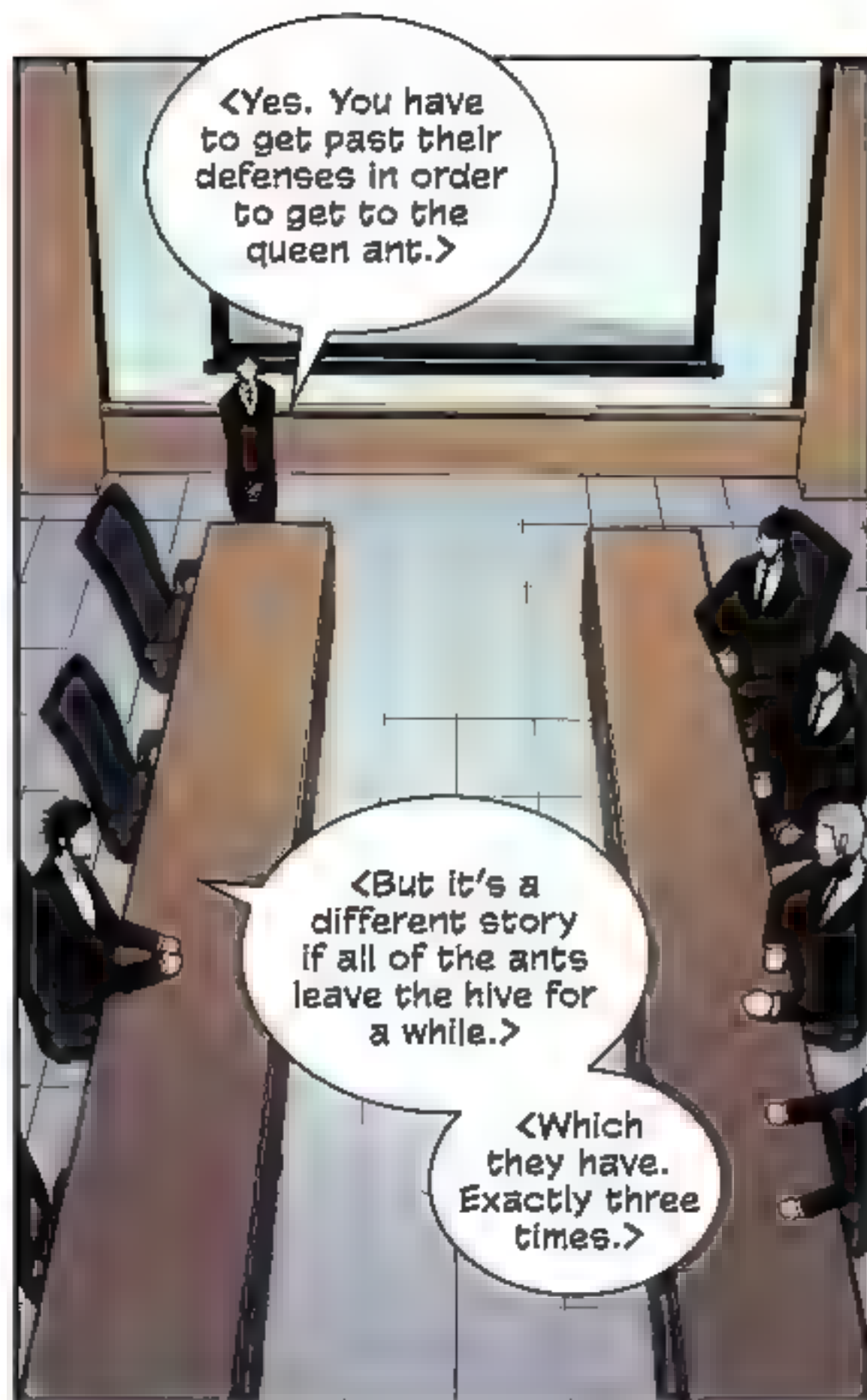
*IF THE
QUEEN ANT IS
ELIMINATED...*

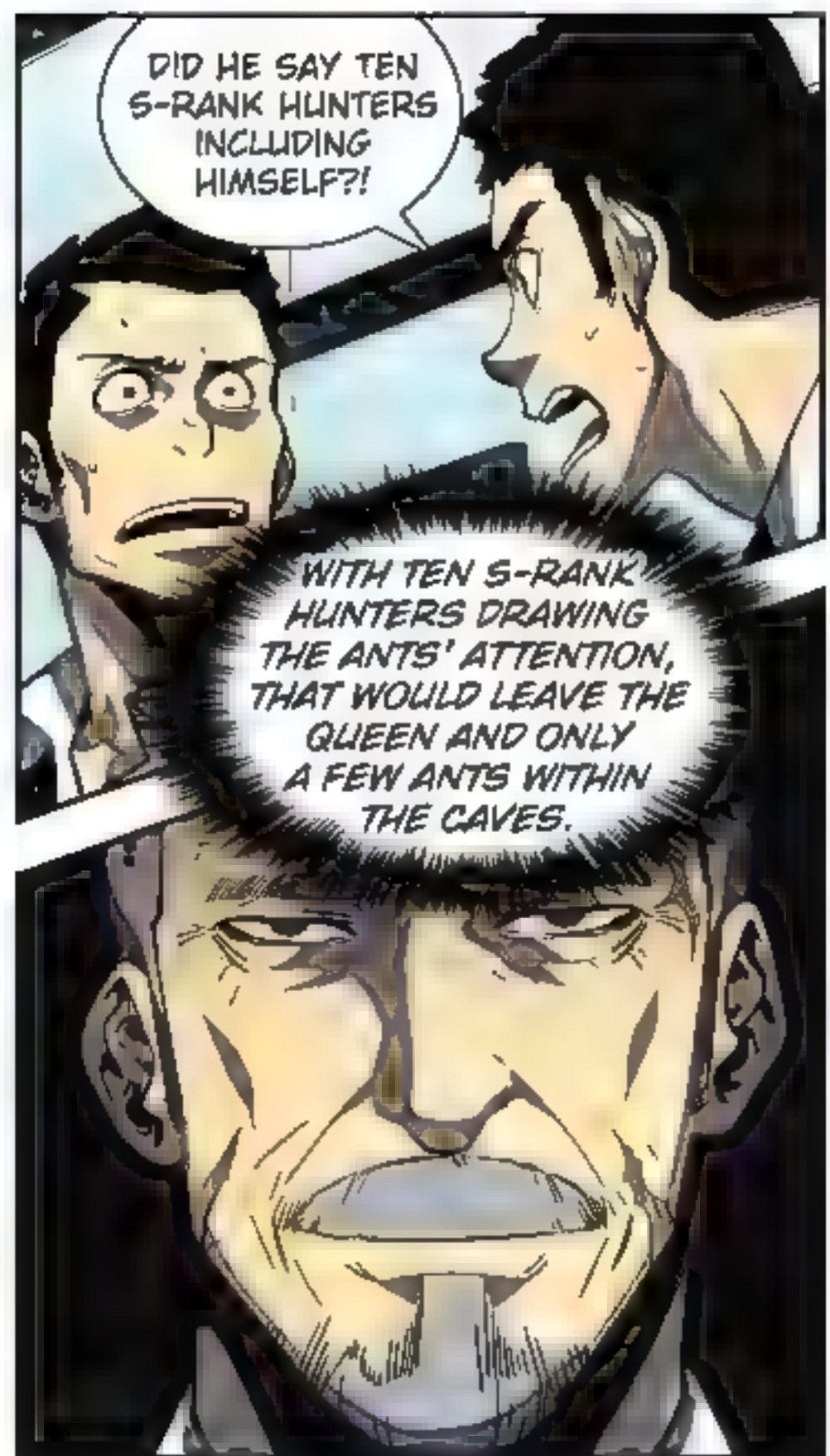
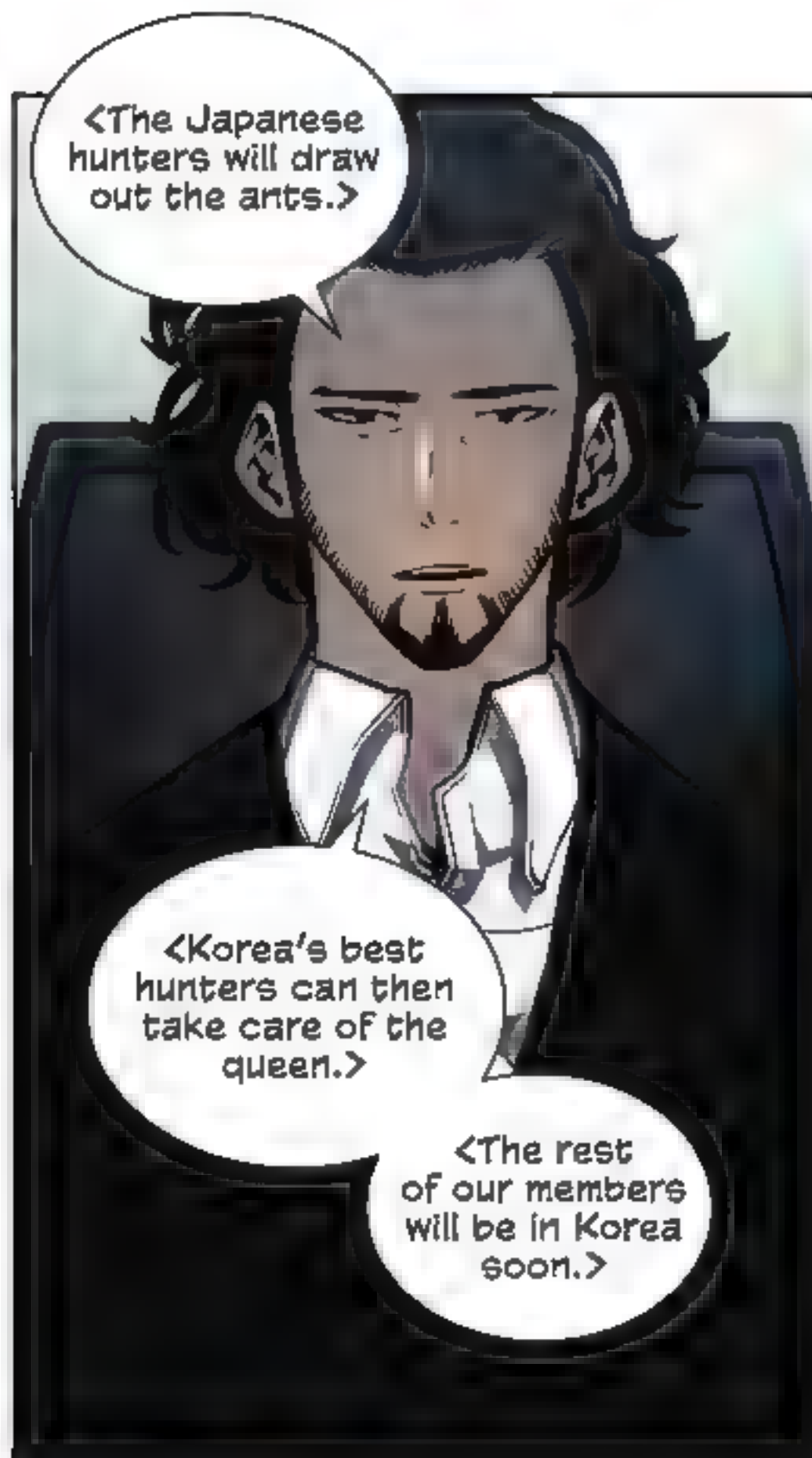


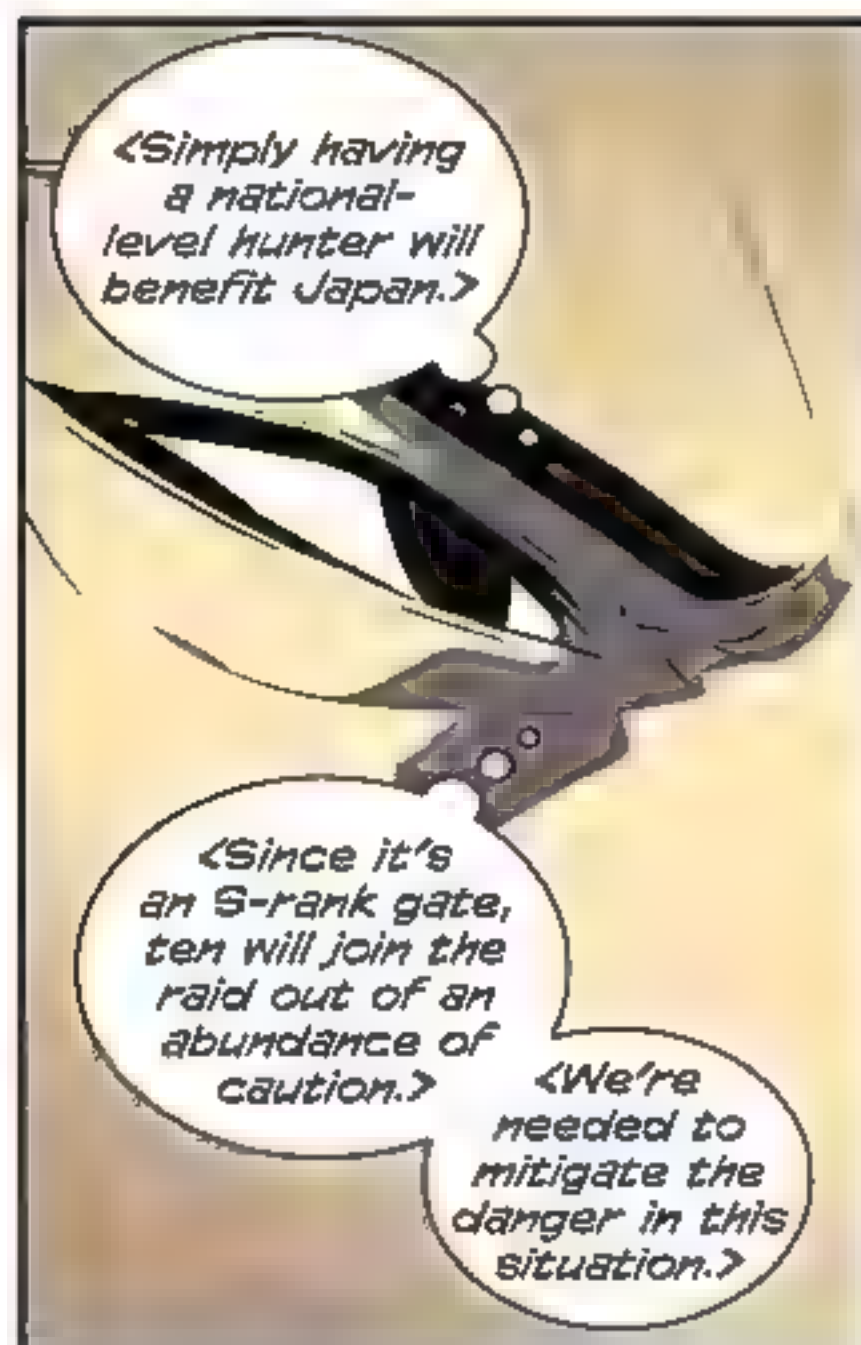
*THAT MIGHT
SOUND MORE
FEASIBLE THAN
TRYING TO GET
RID OF ALL
THE ANTS.*

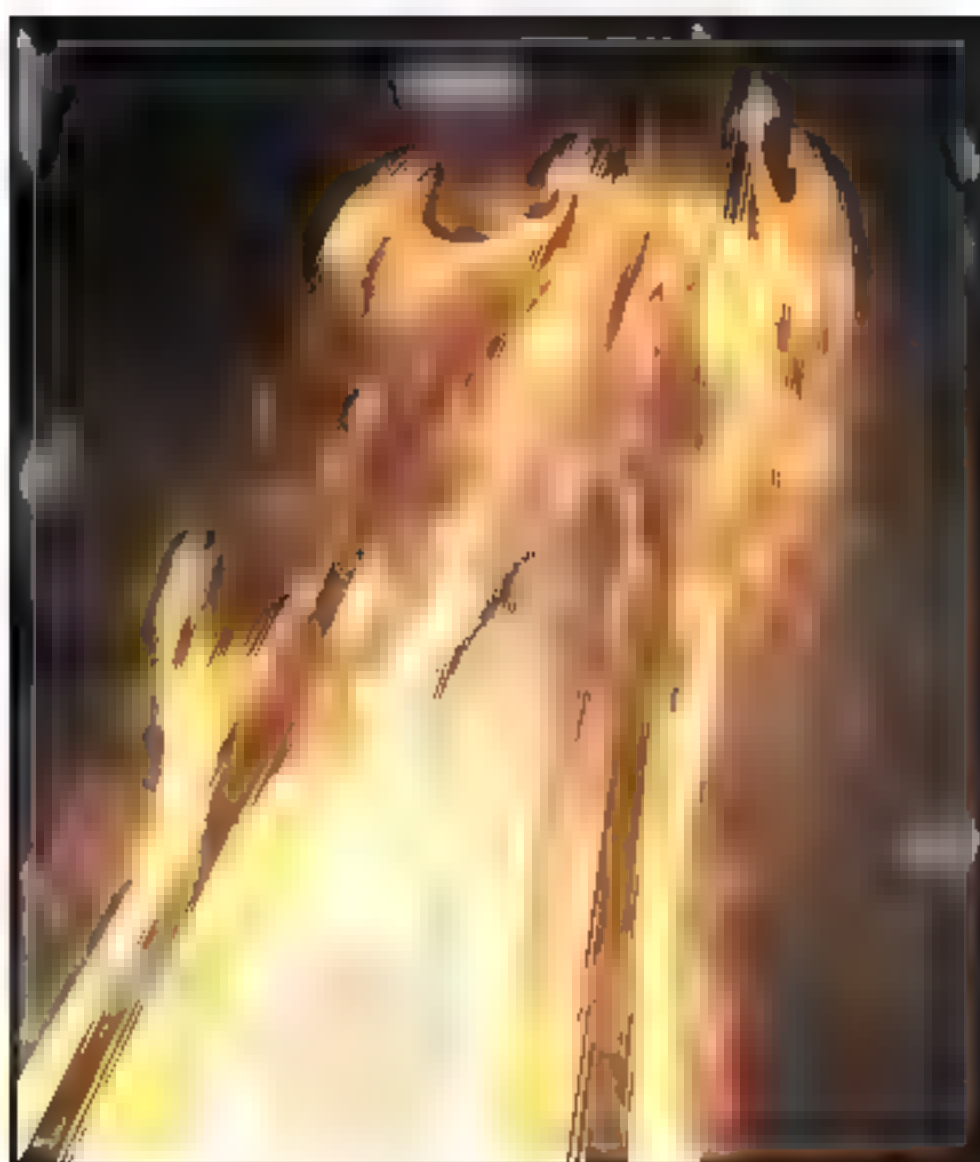
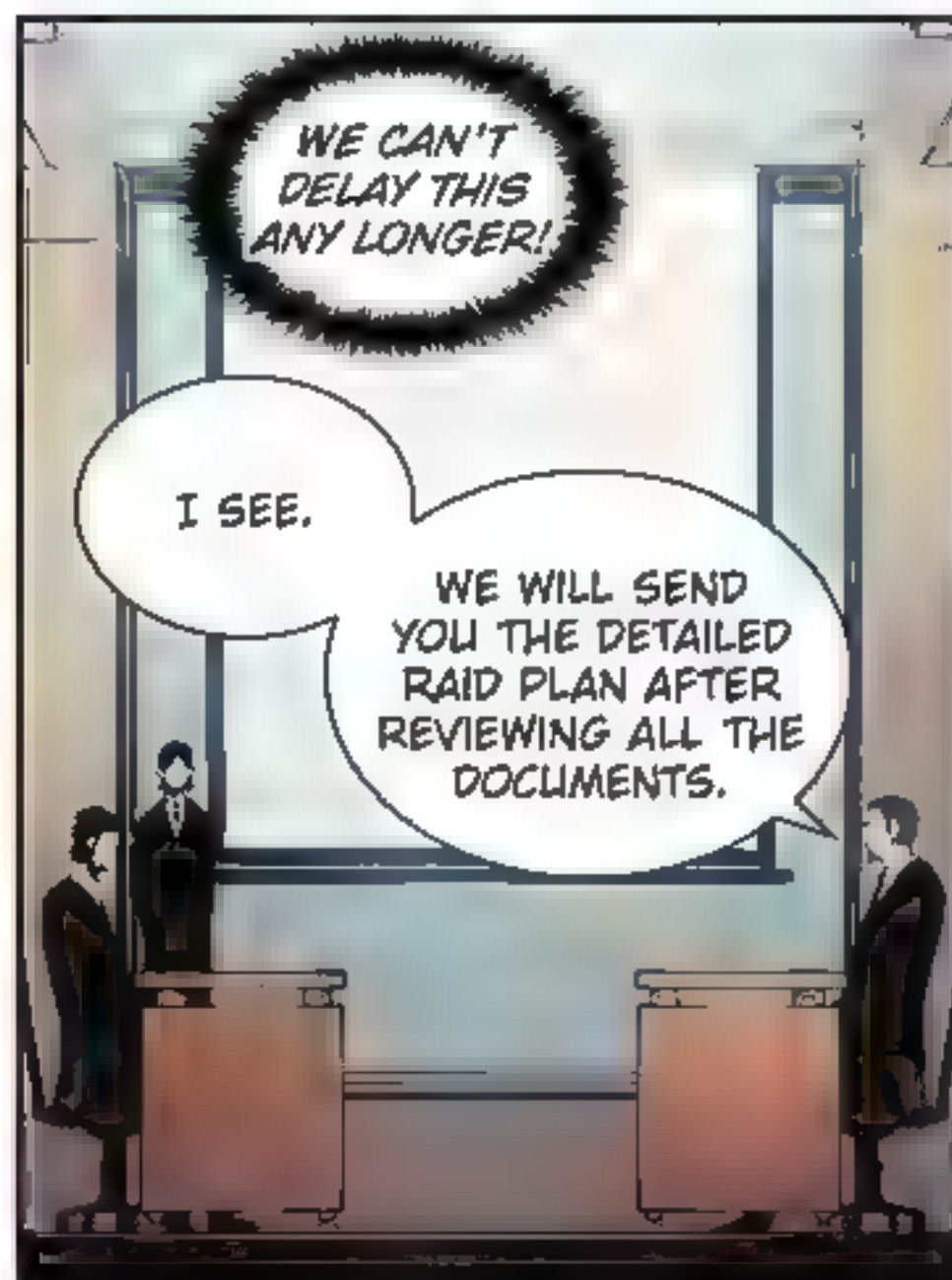
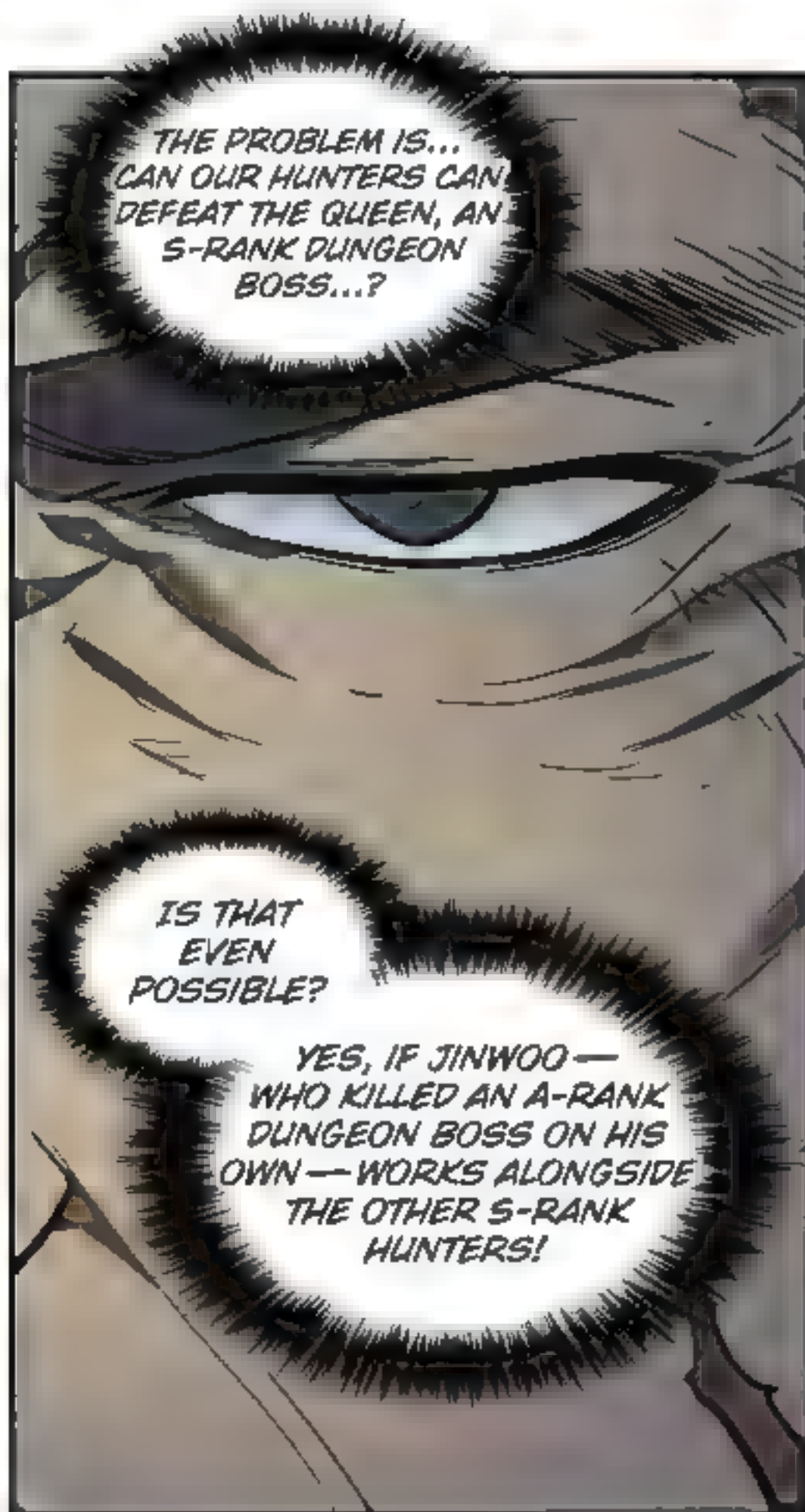
*BUT GOING
AFTER THE QUEEN
WOULD REQUIRE THE
SAME EFFORT.*

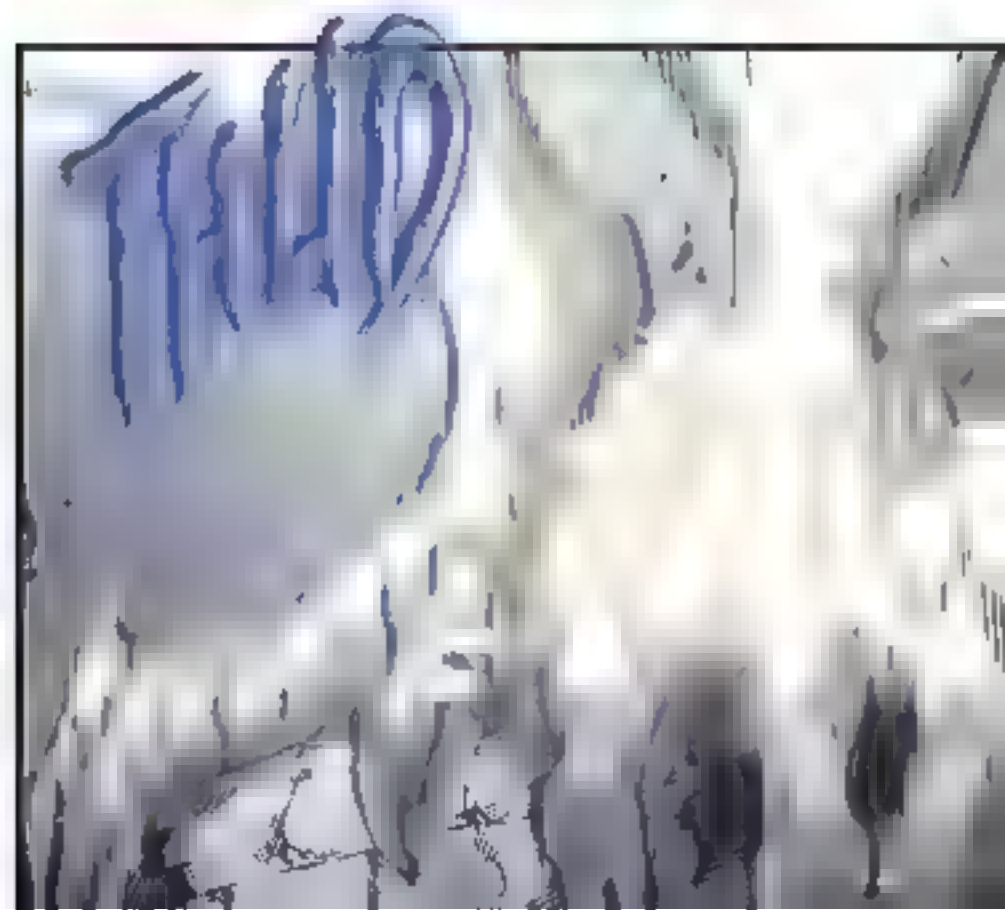
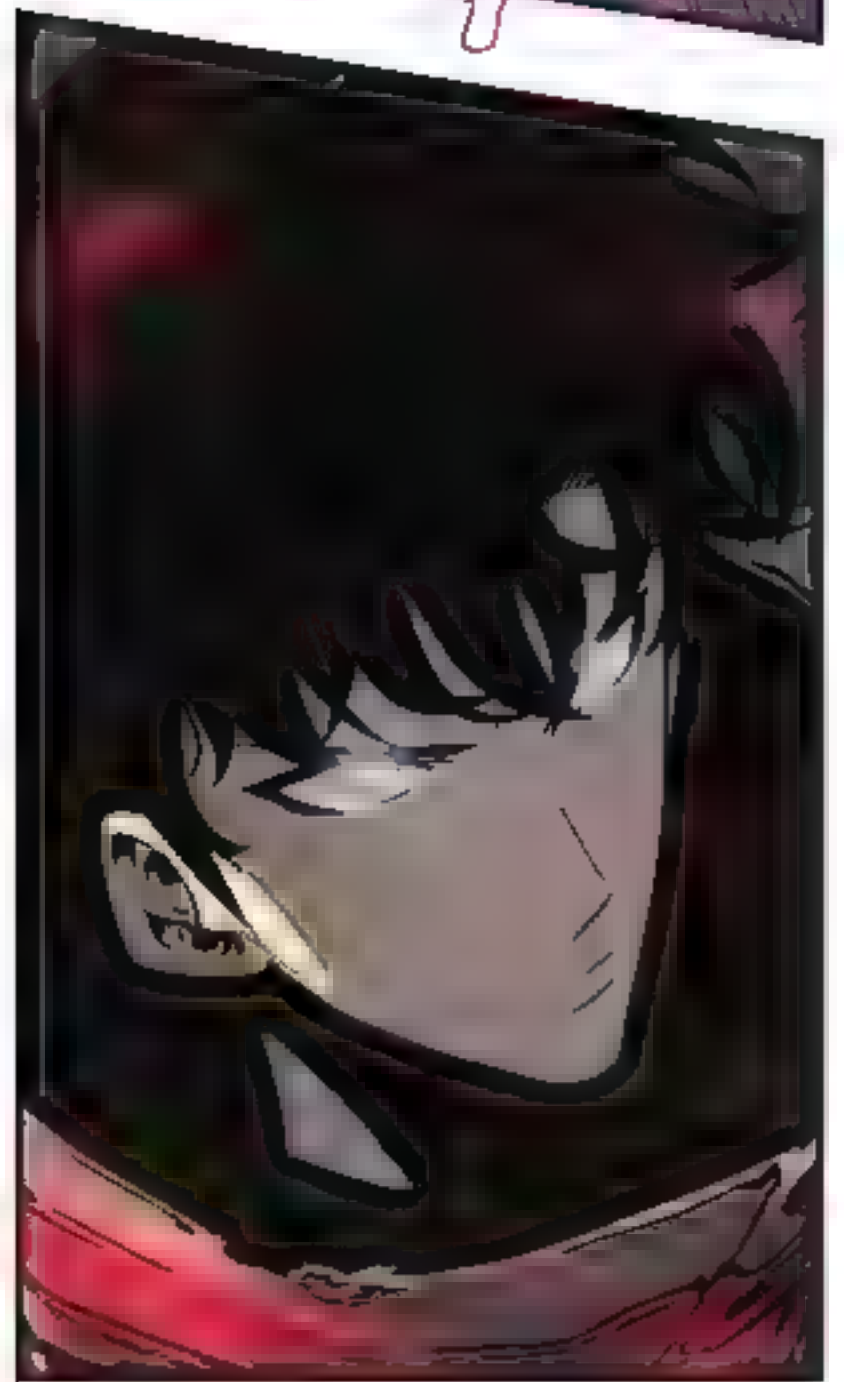
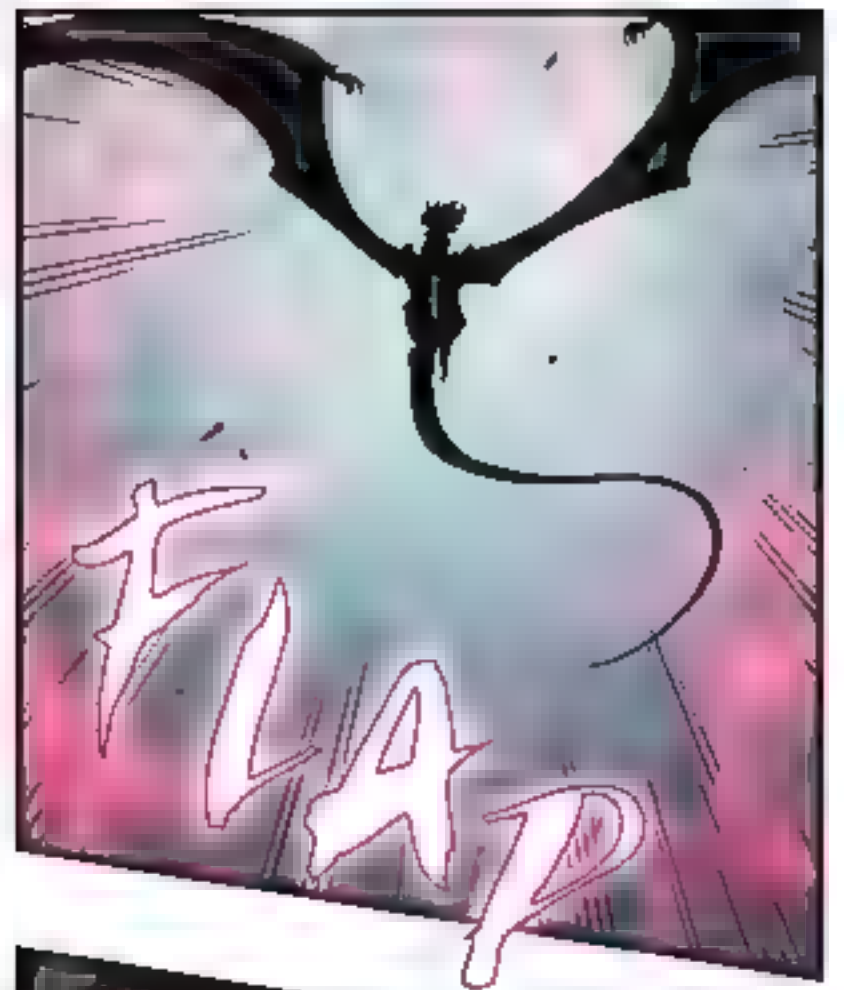
*YOU DO REALIZE
THAT THE ANTS WILL
SACRIFICE THEIR OWN
LIVES FOR THEIR
QUEEN?*



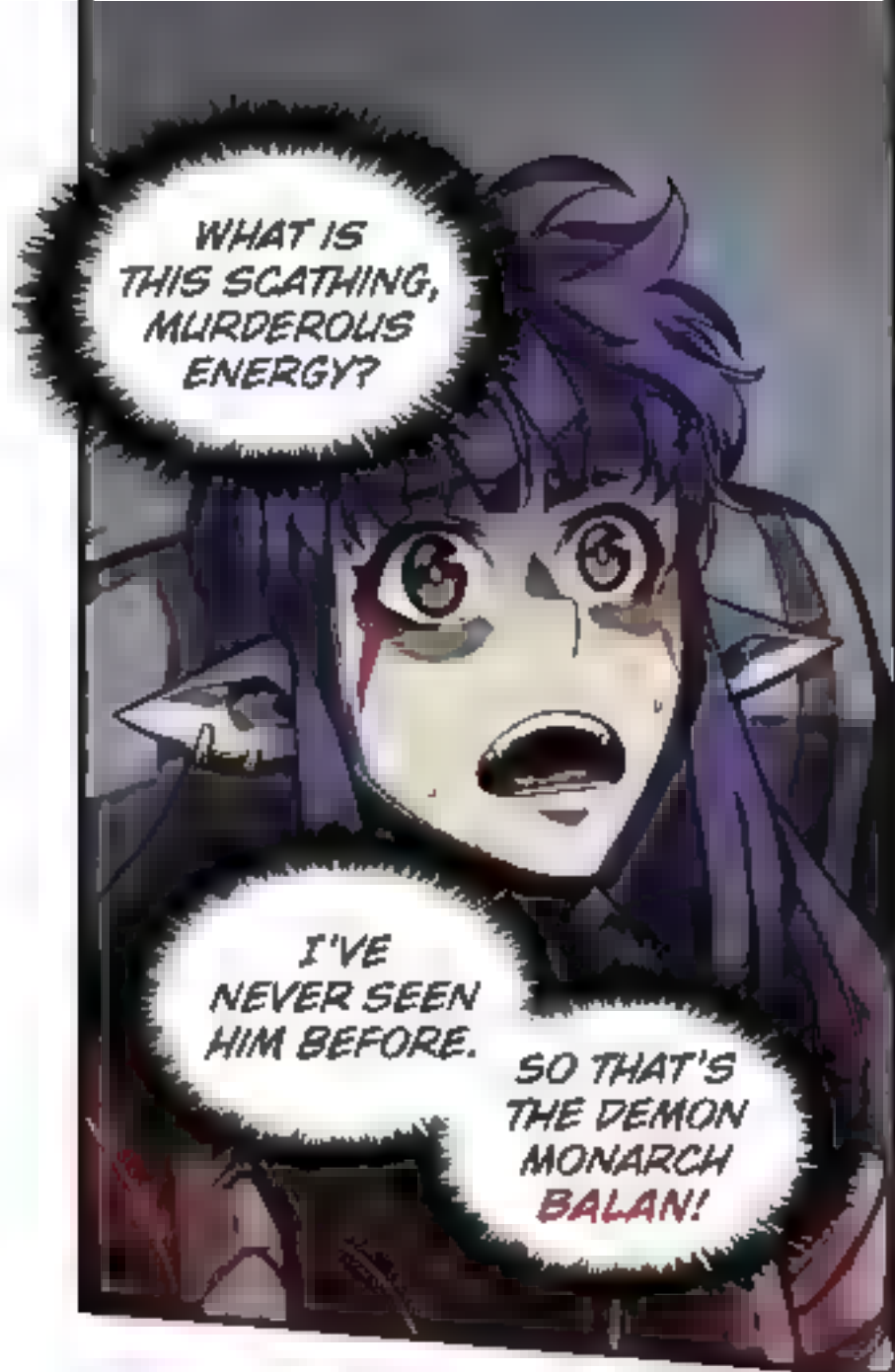


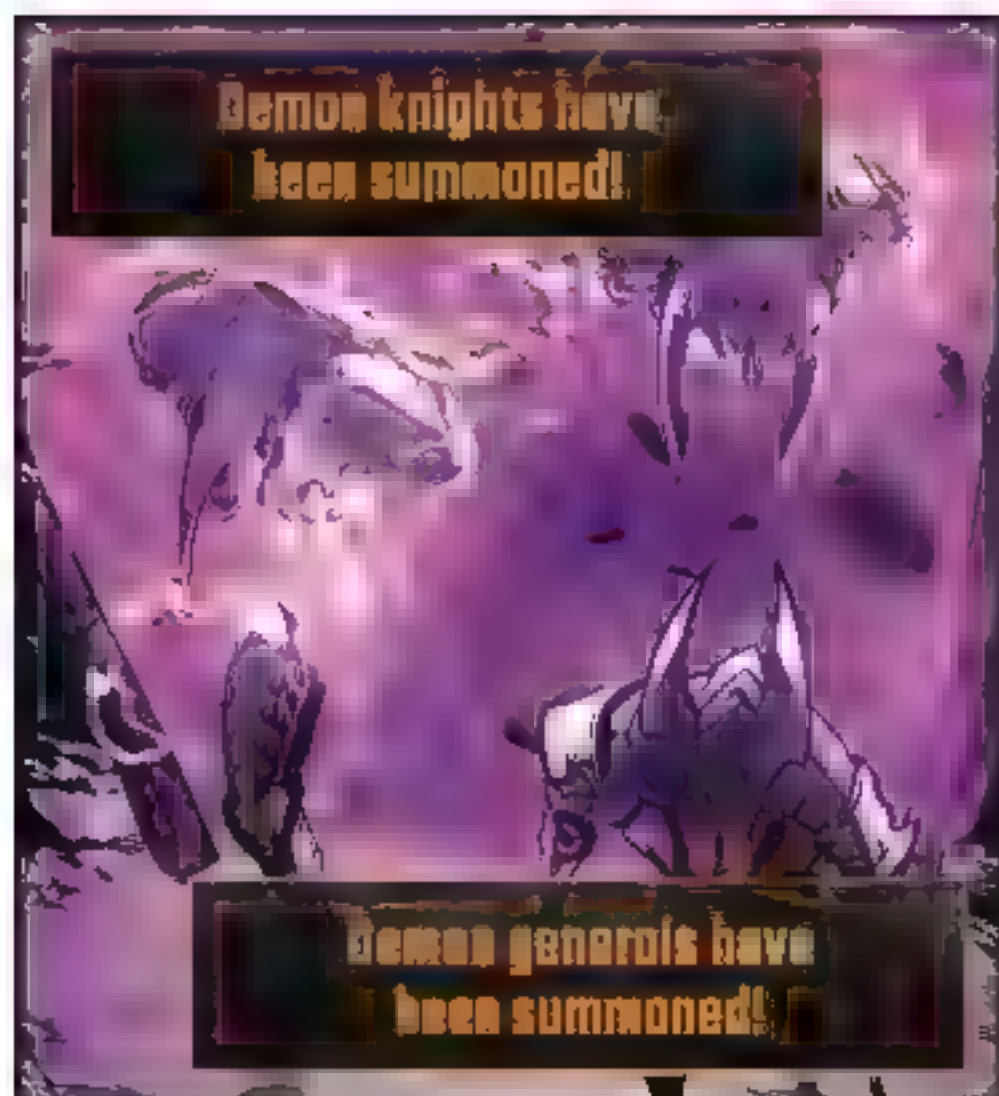


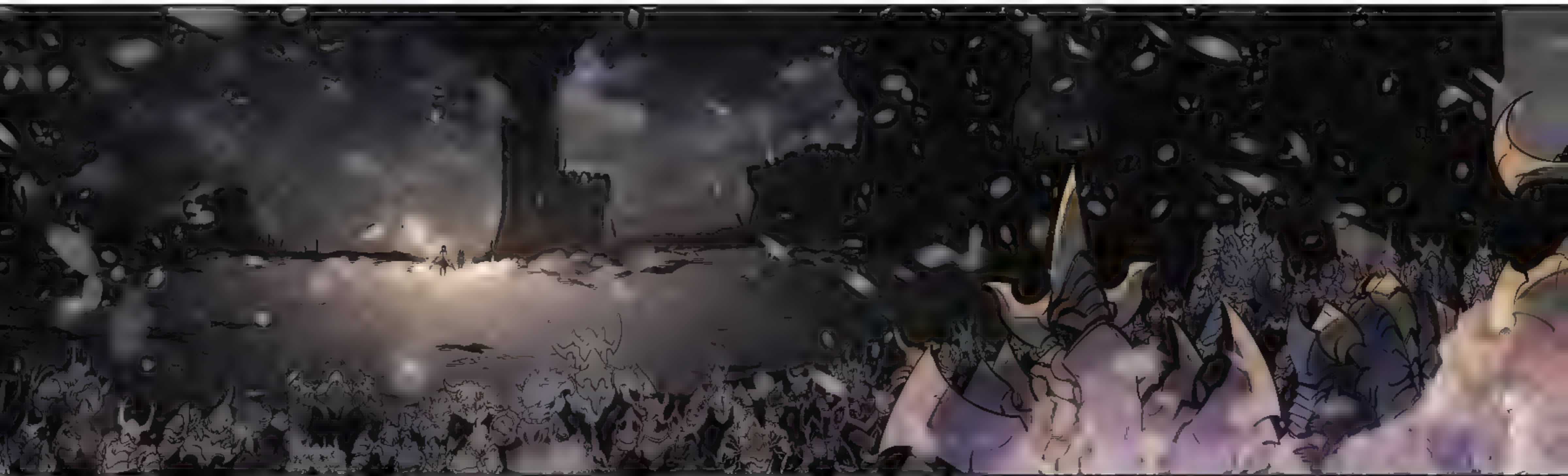


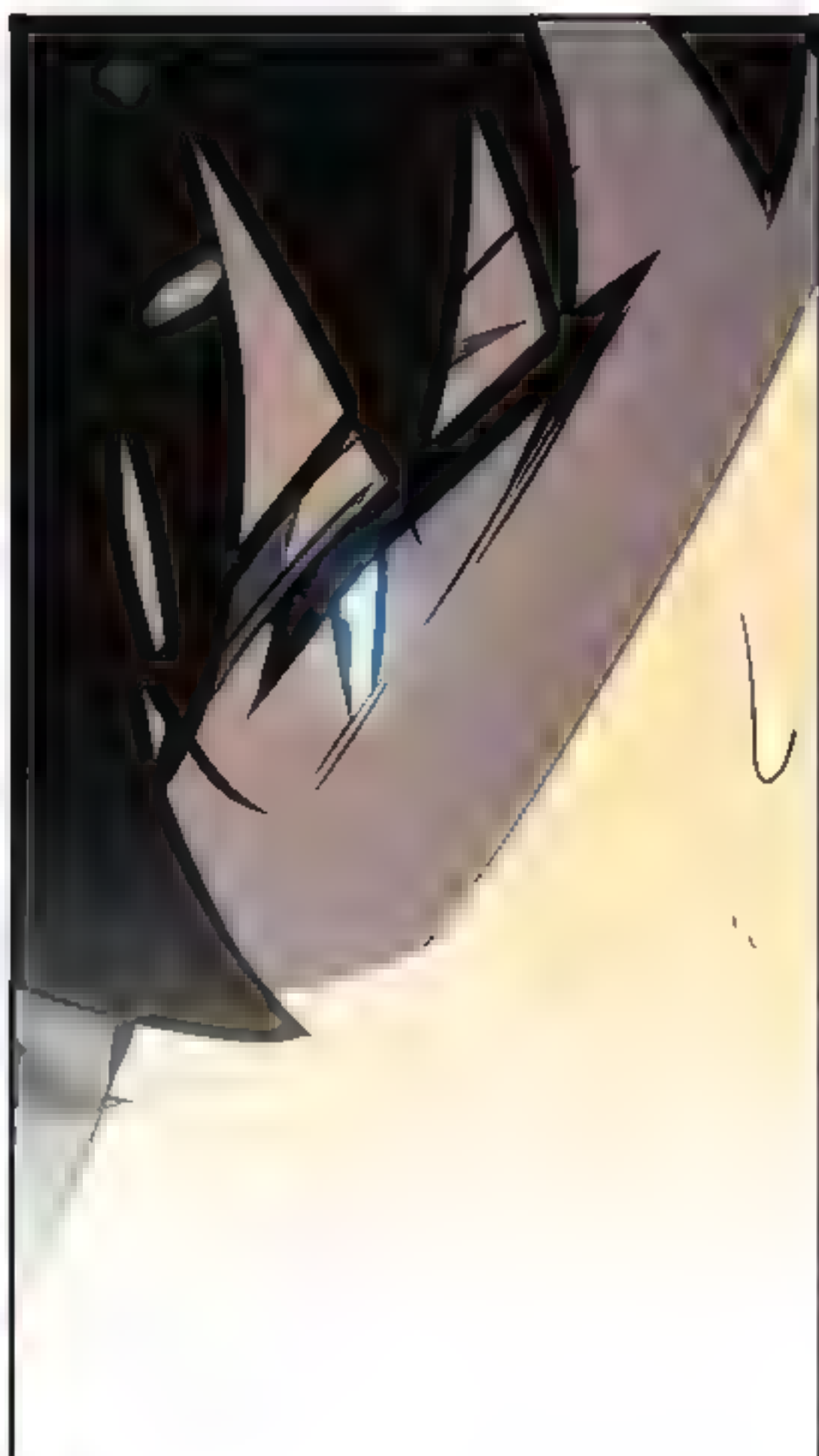
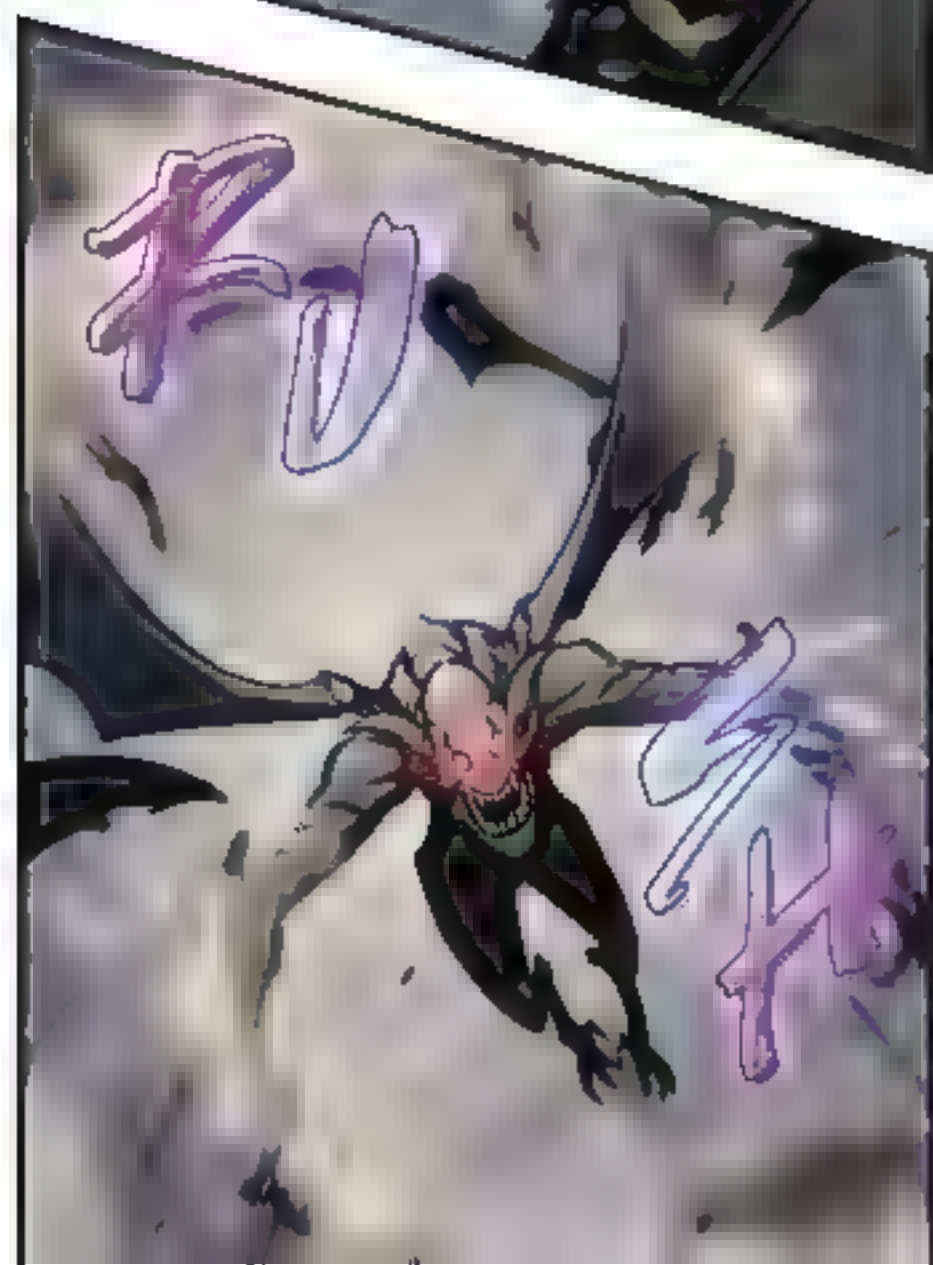






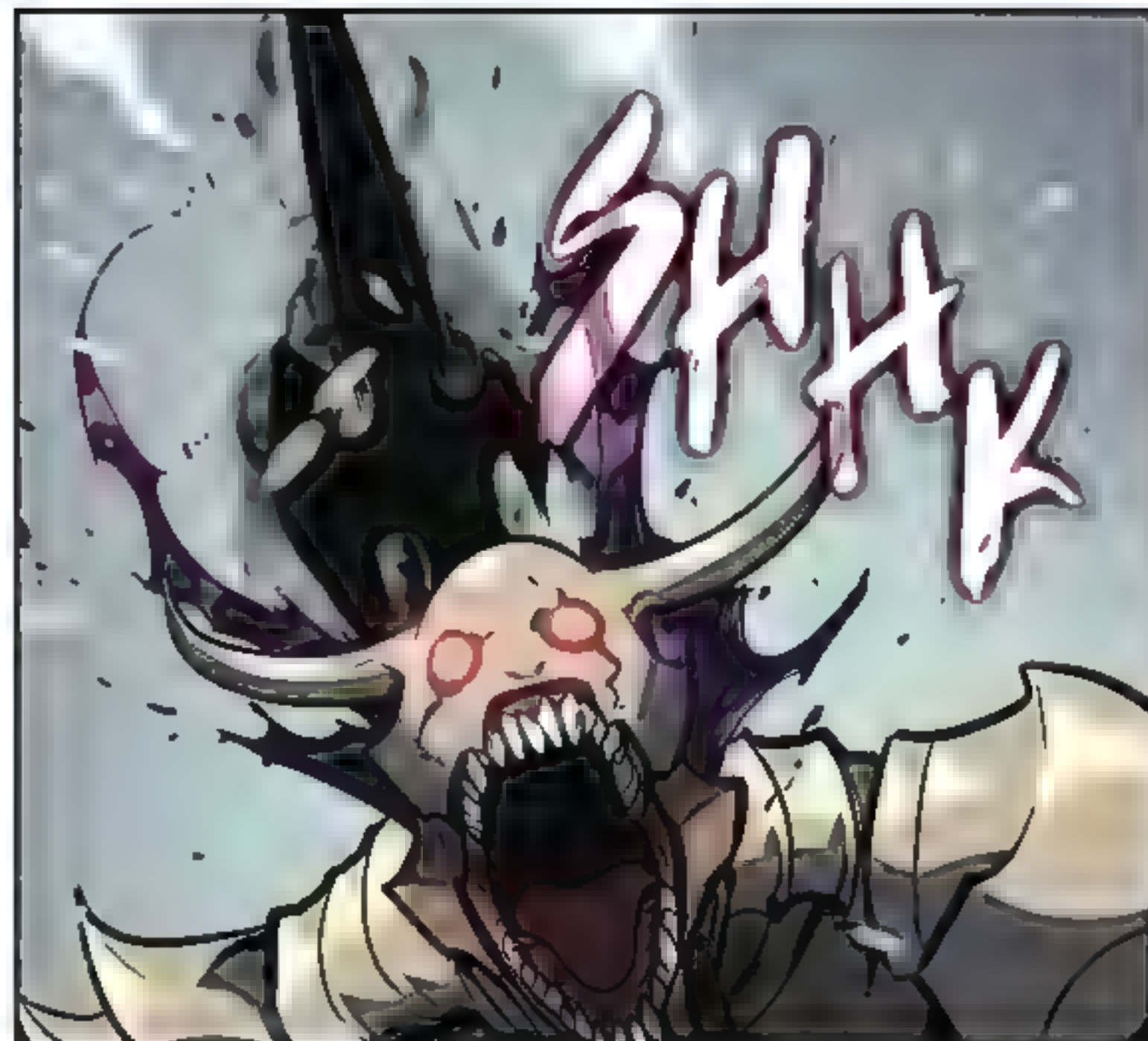
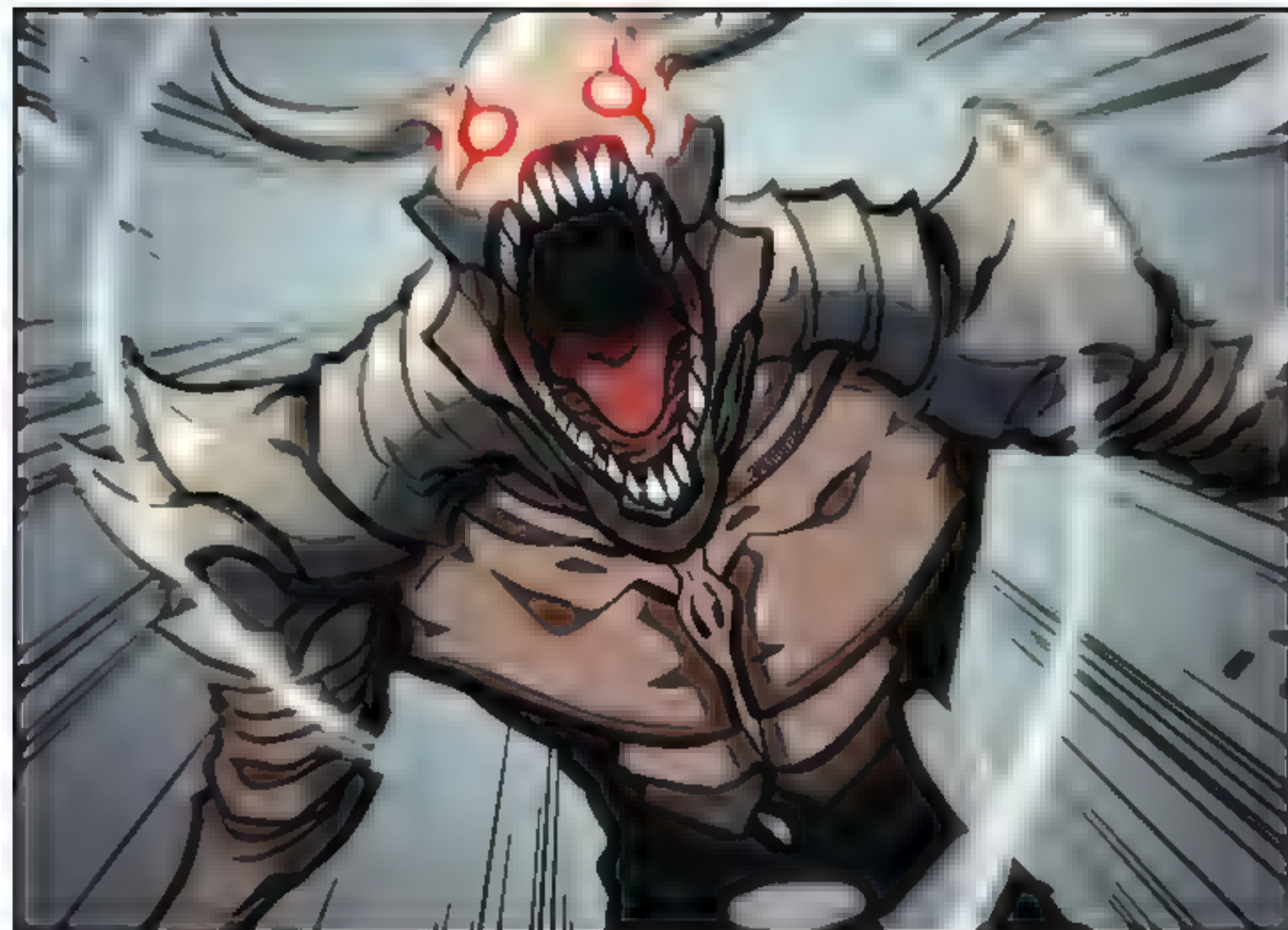


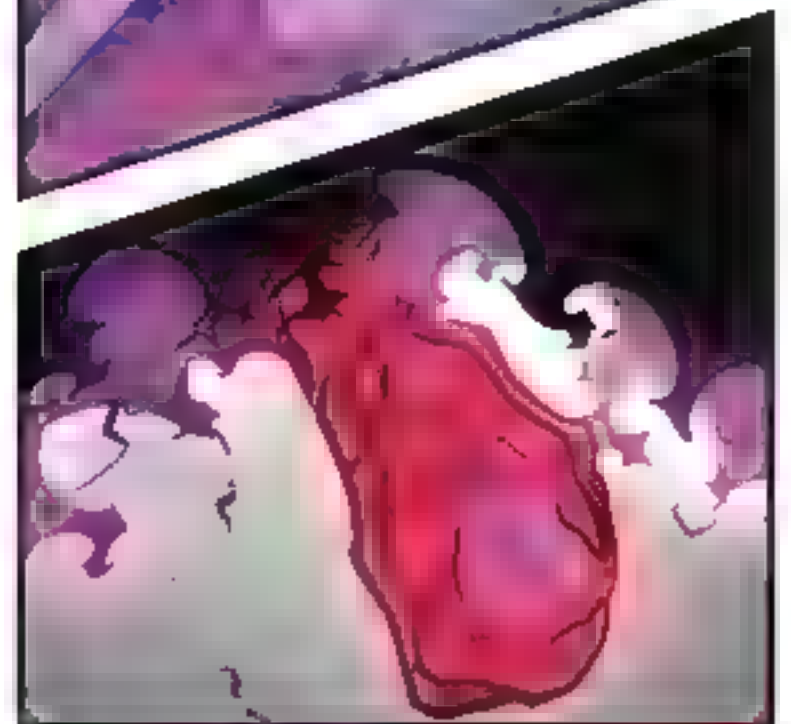
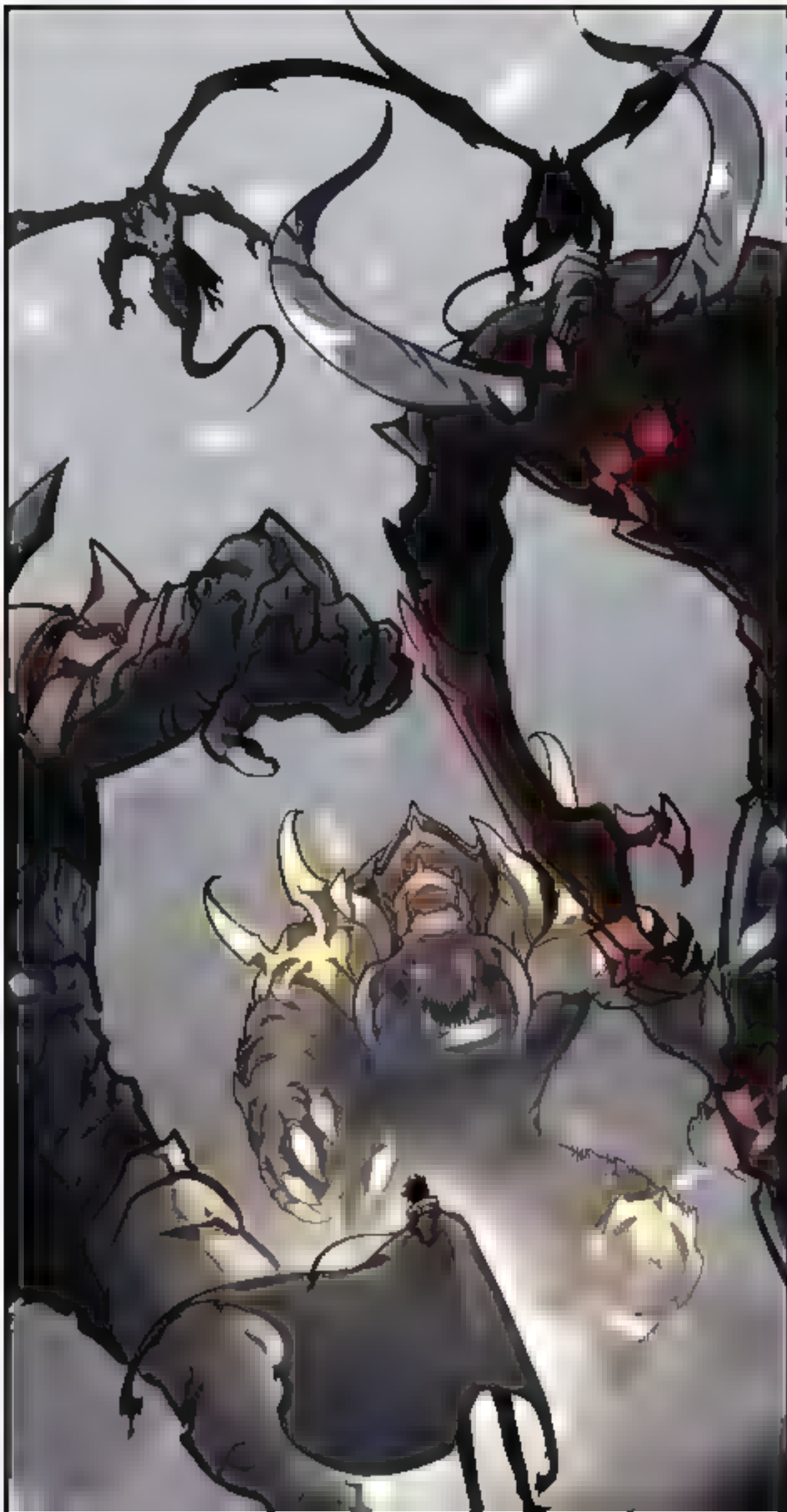
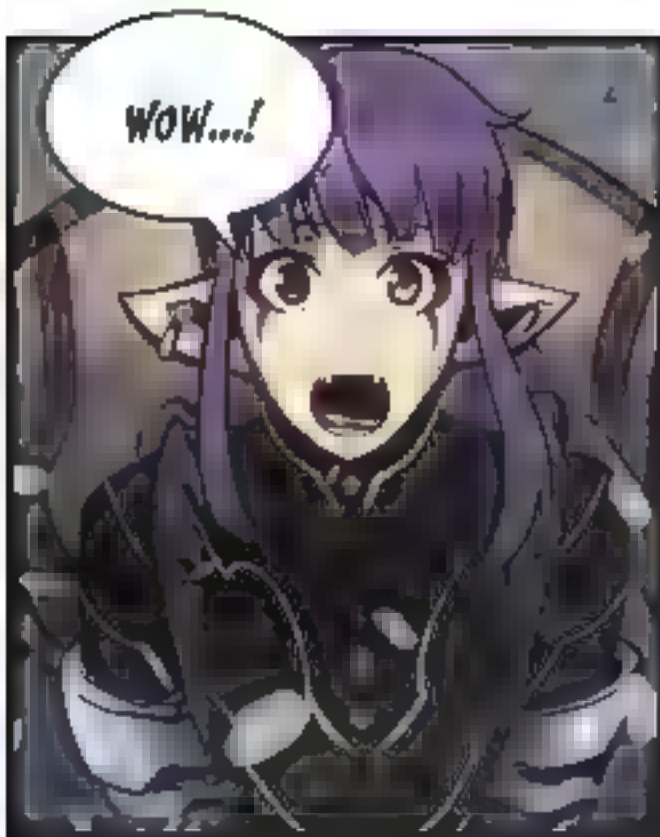


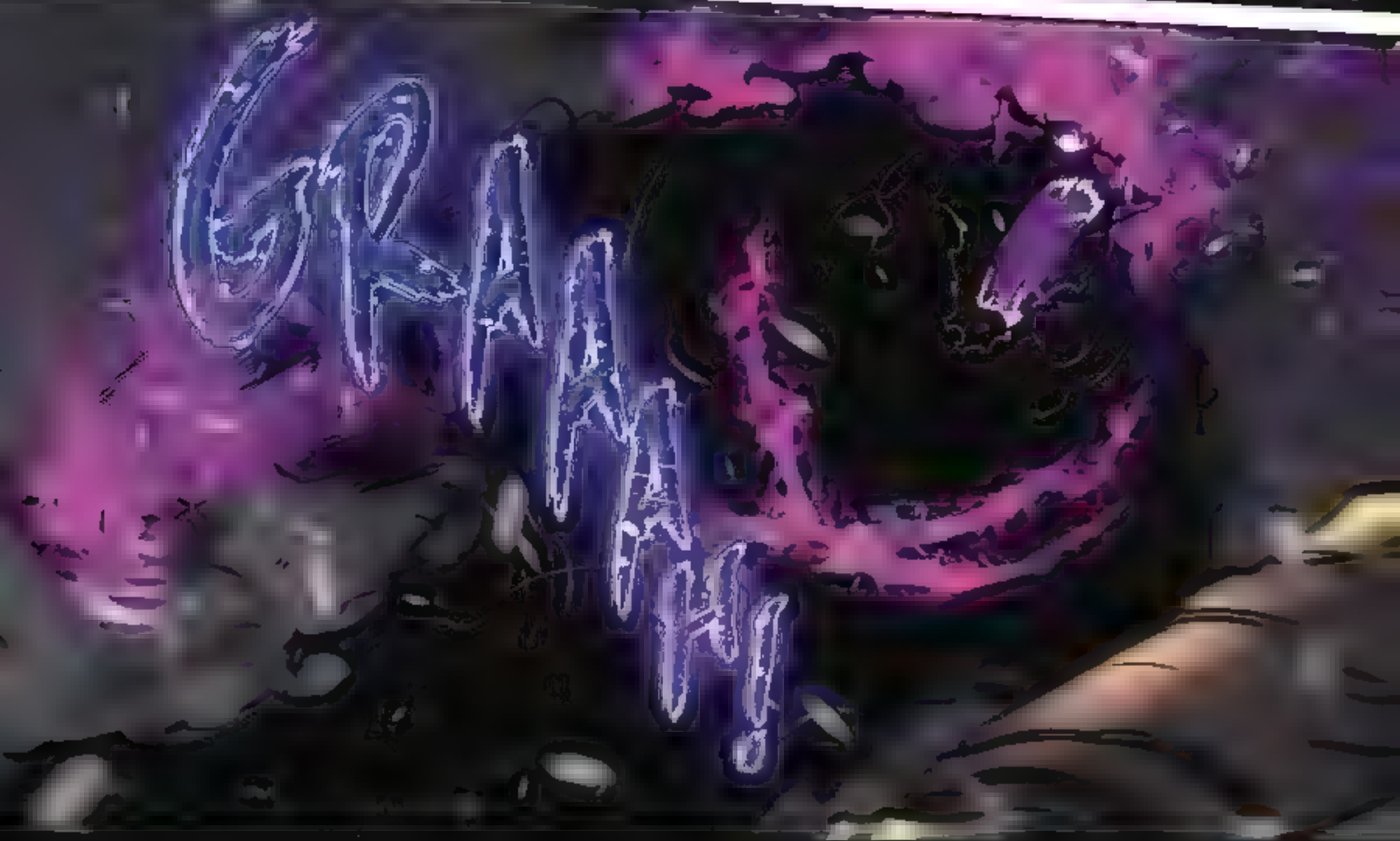




[Skill: Monarch's Domain]
has been activated.

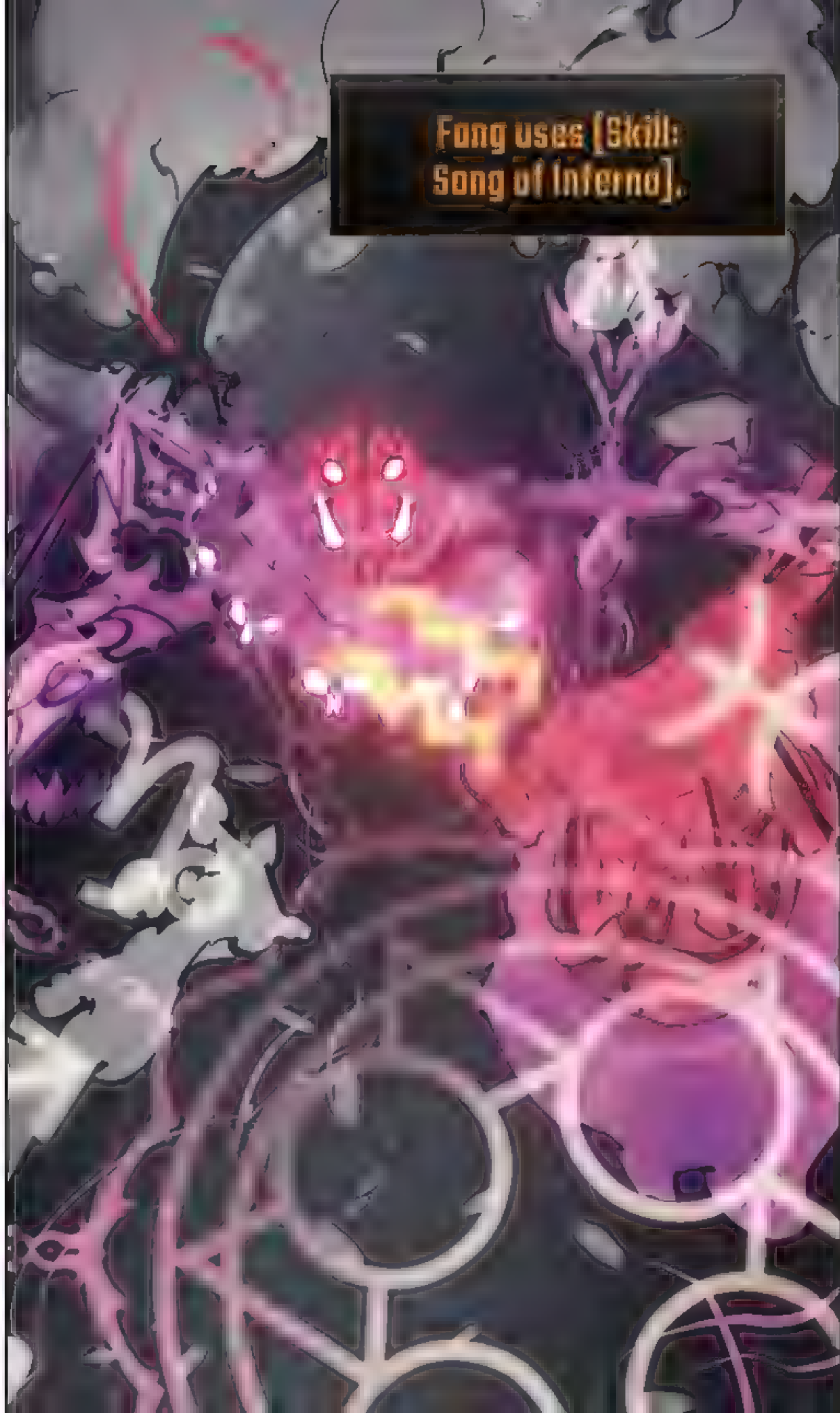


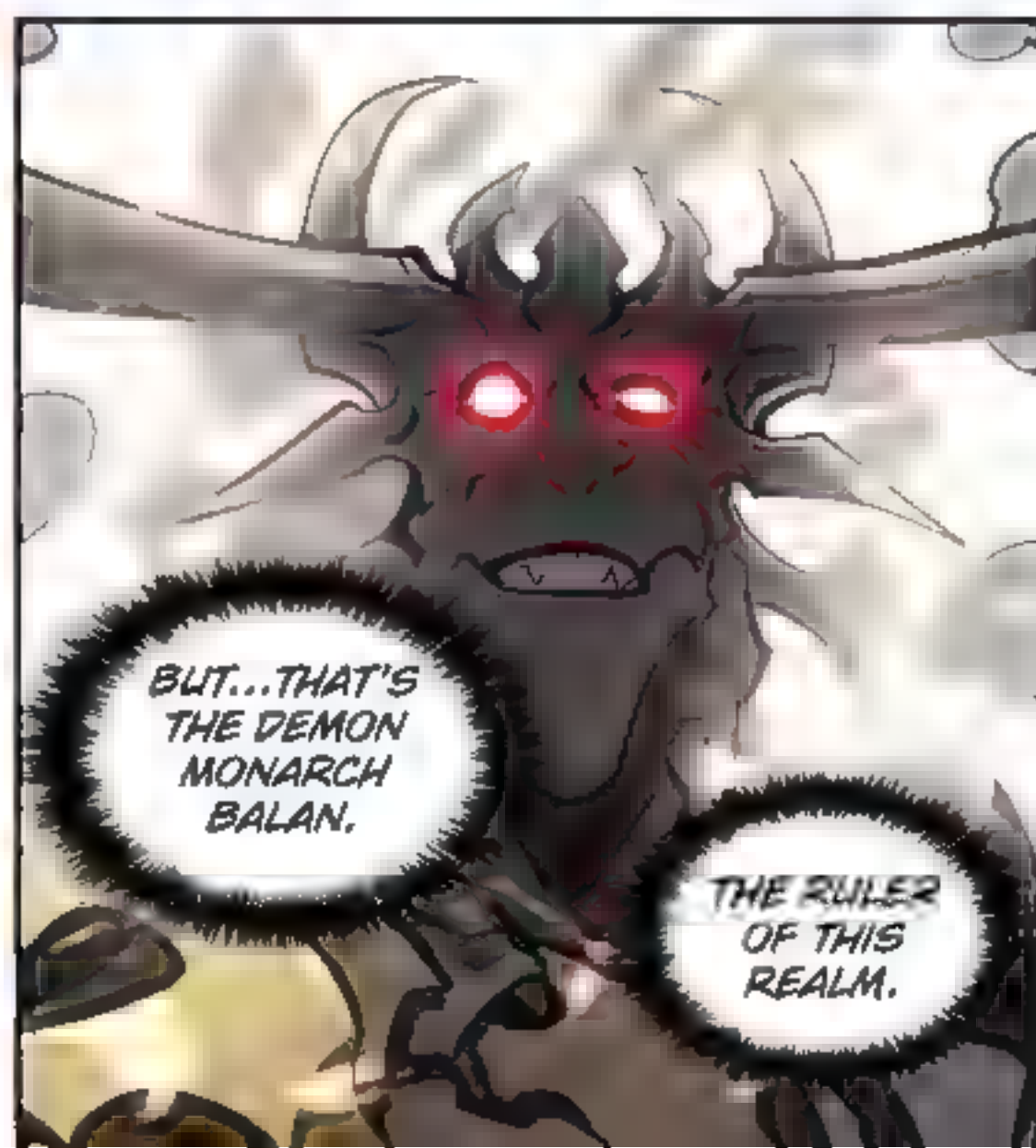
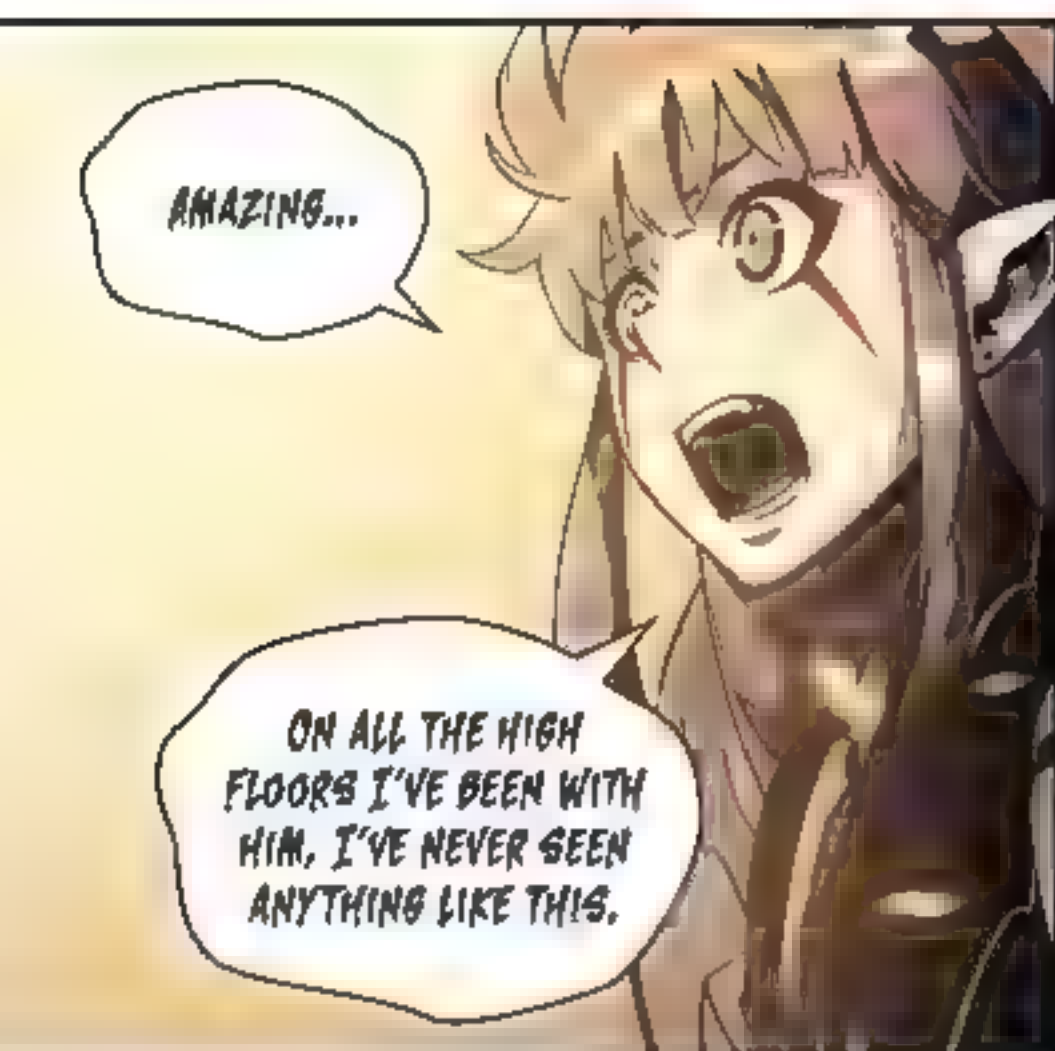






Fong uses [Skill:
Song of Inferno].











THIS ISN'T
ORDINARY
LIGHTNING!

The irregular status
condition has been removed
by [Buff: Immunity].

ZZZZ

ZZZZ

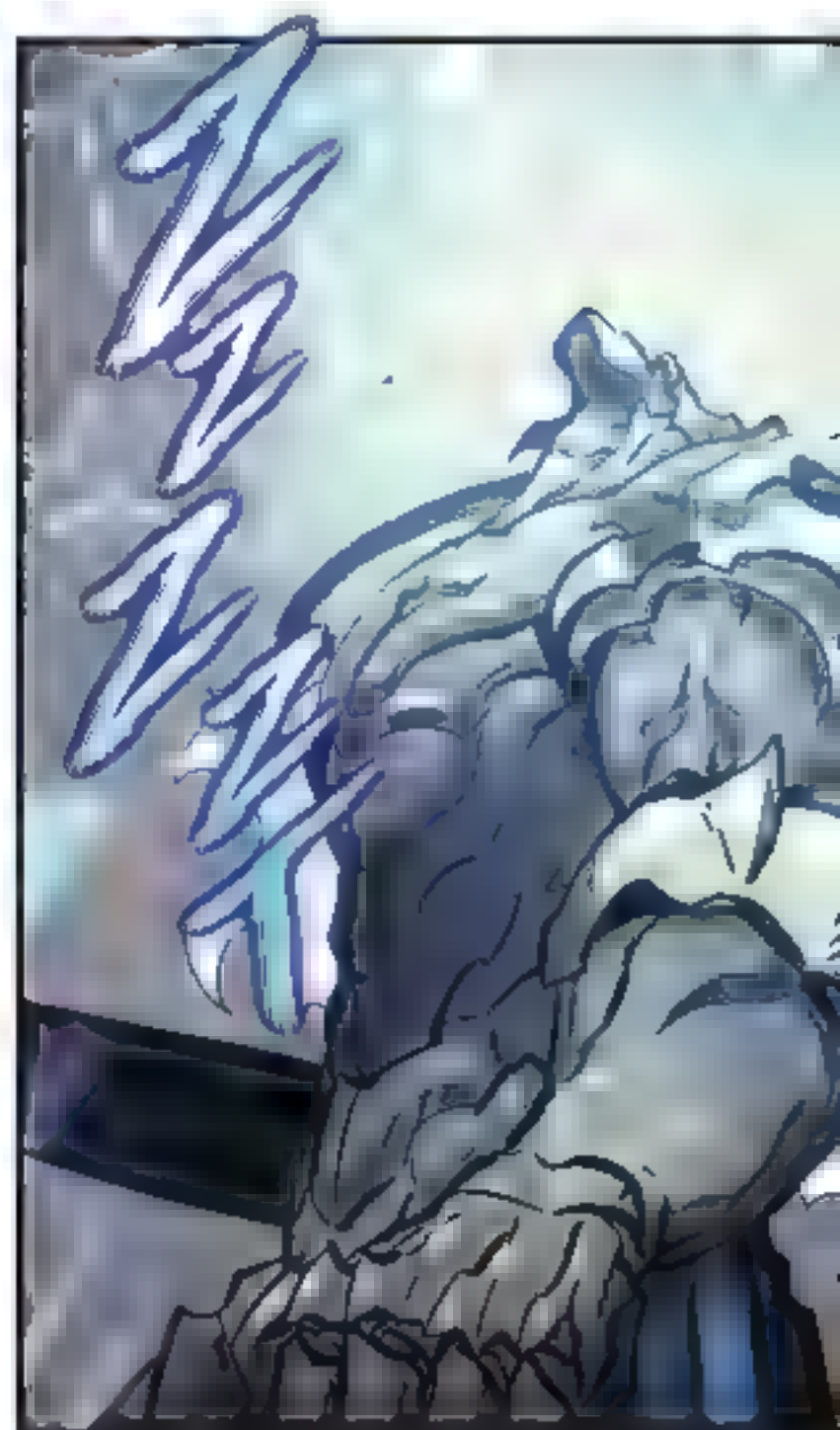
IT'S WIDE-
RANGE MAGIC
WITH A STUN
DEBUFF.

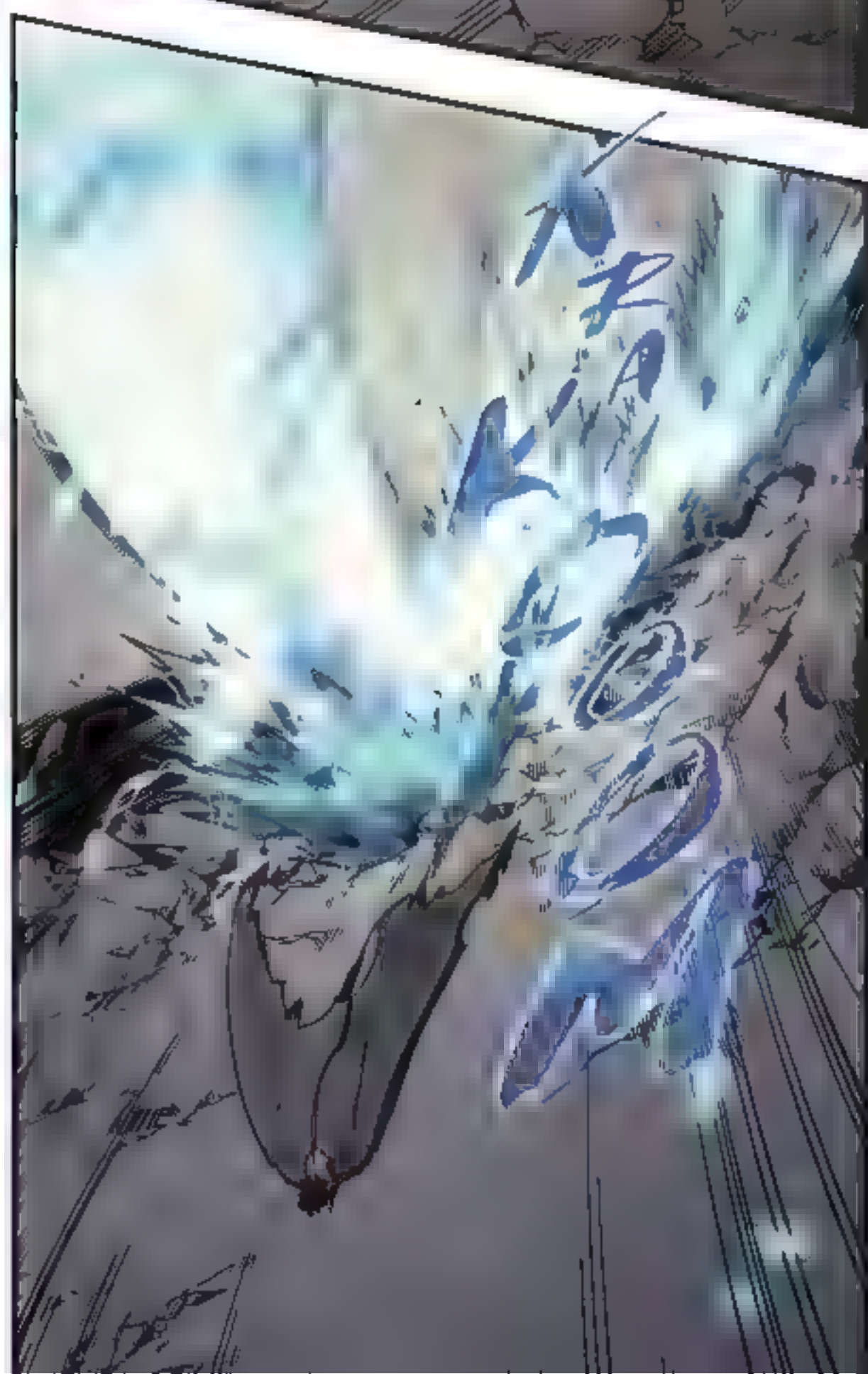
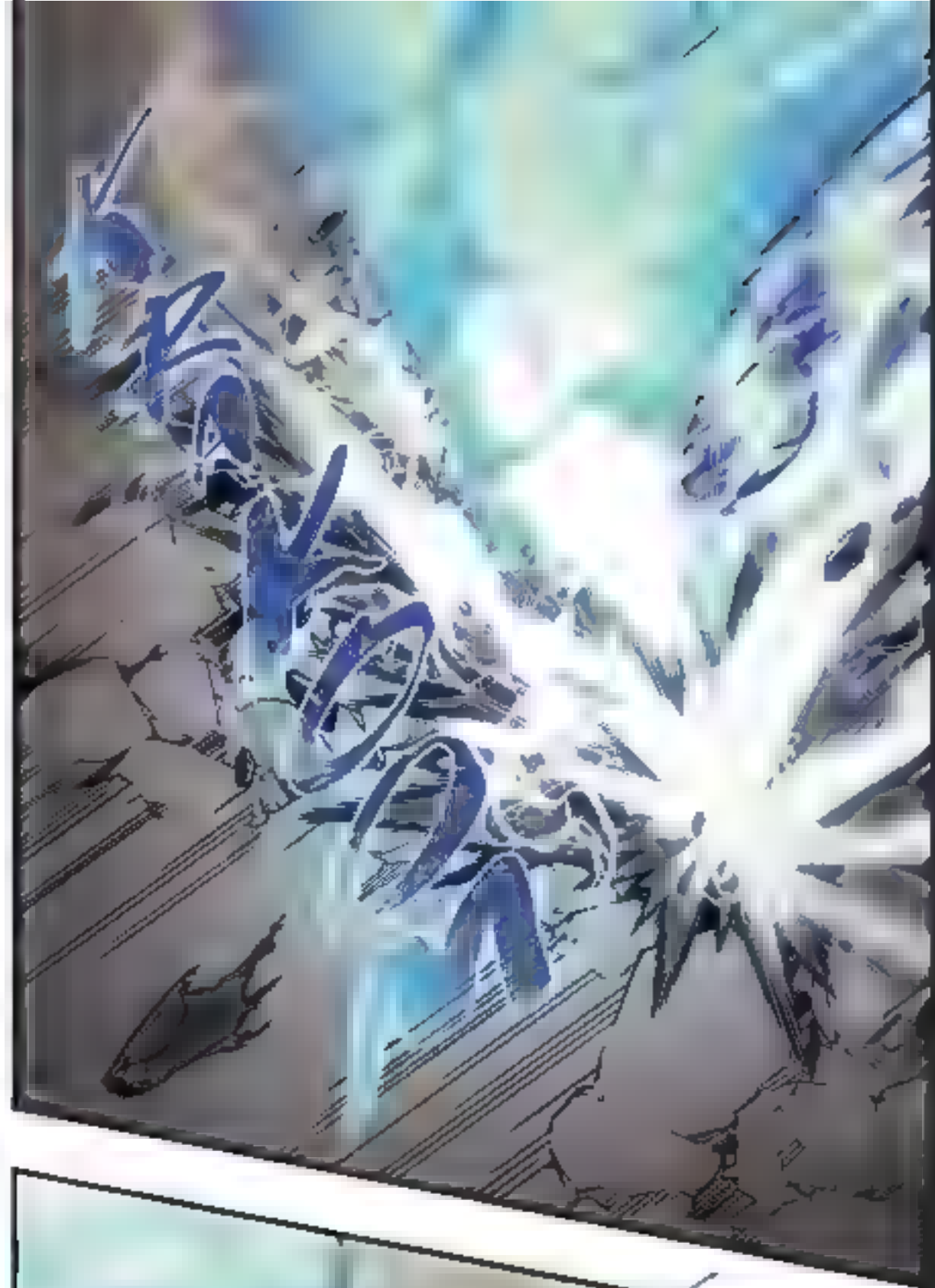
IF I DON'T
BLOCK IT, MY
SHADOW SOLDIERS
WILL BE RIPPED APART
LIKE PAPER. THEN
MY MANA WILL HIT
ROCK BOTTOM.

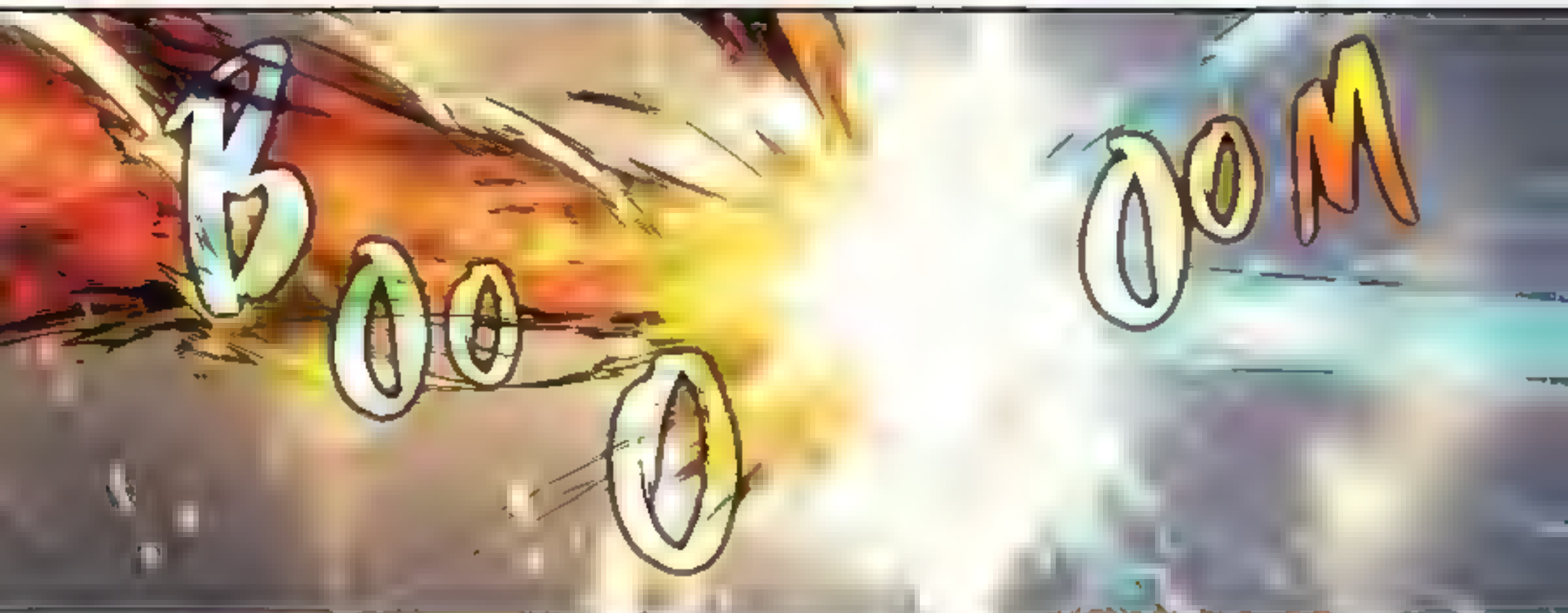
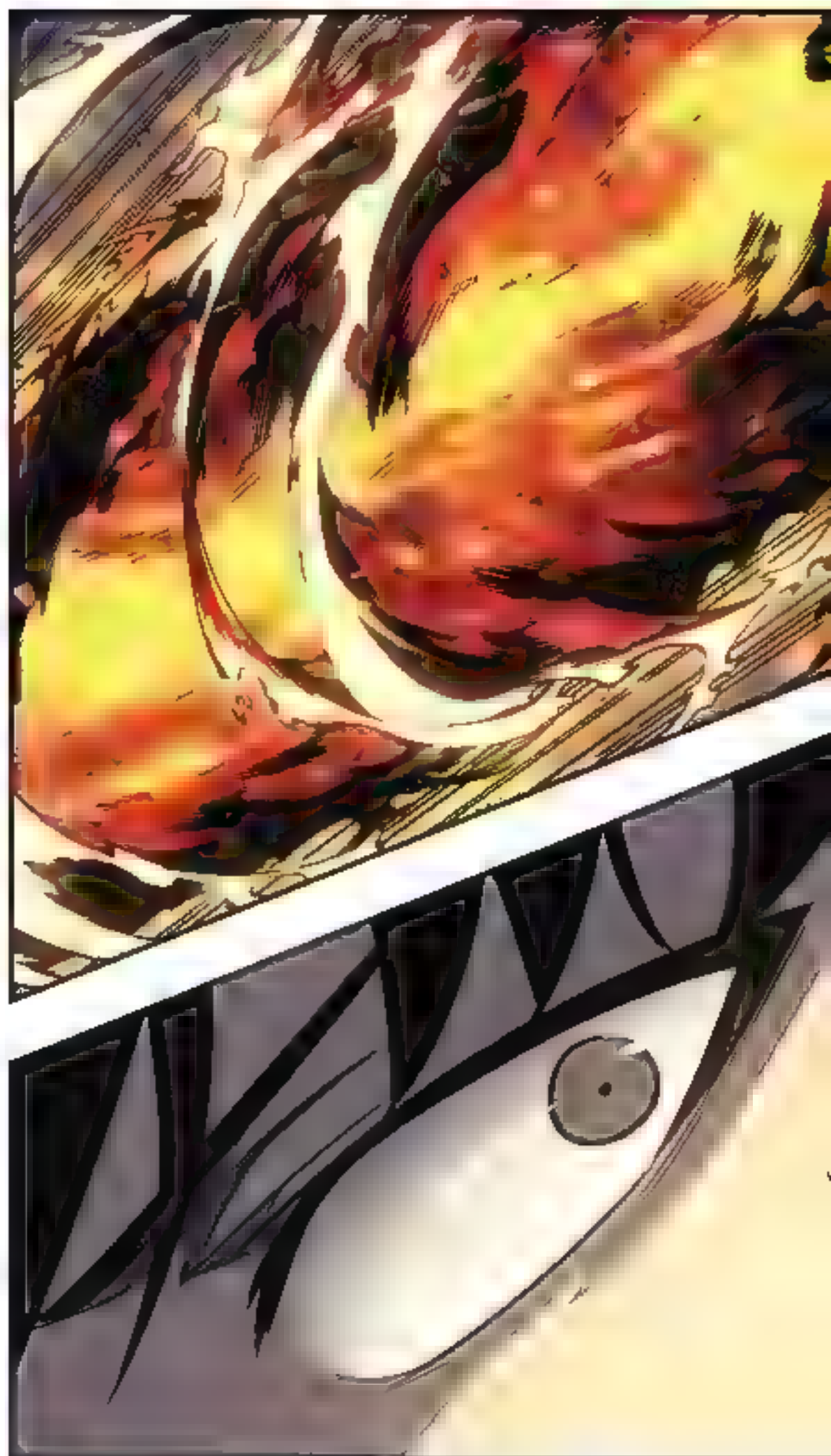
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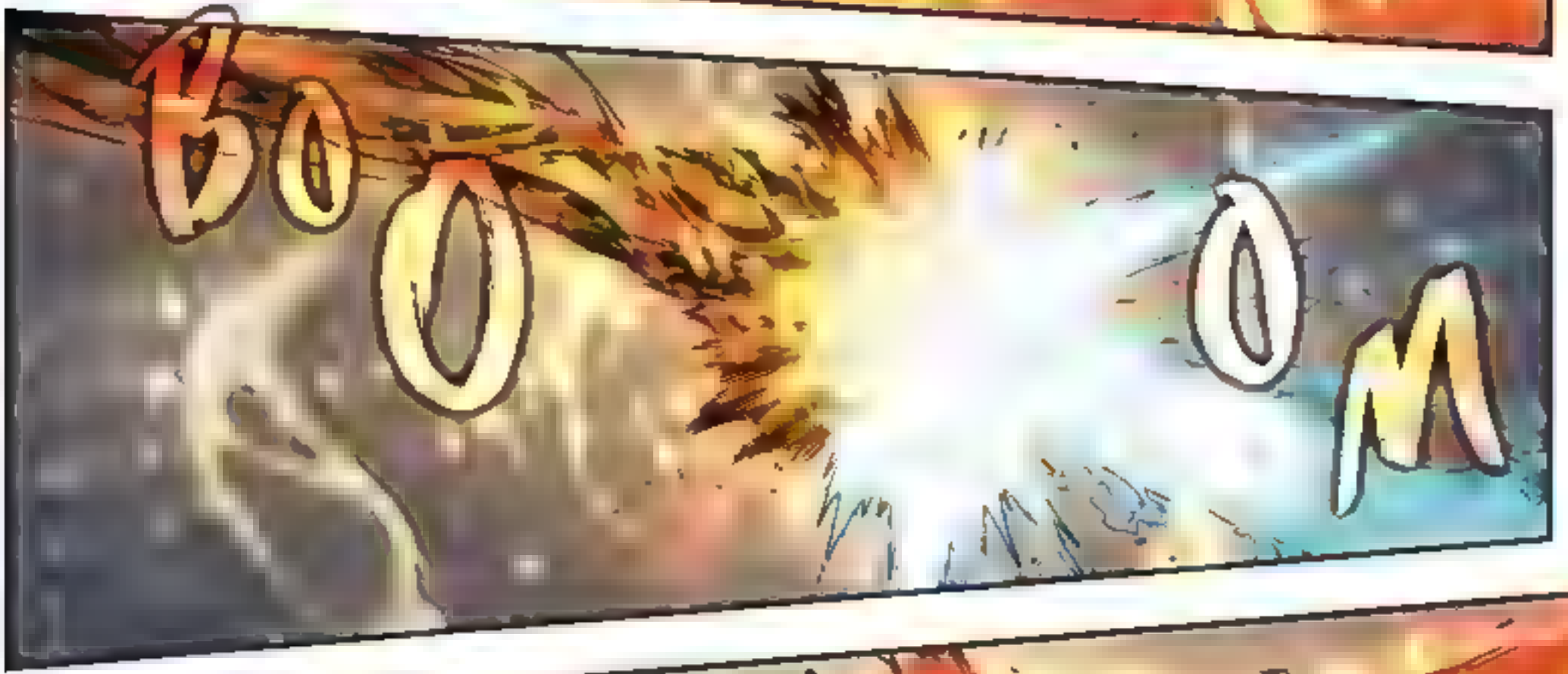
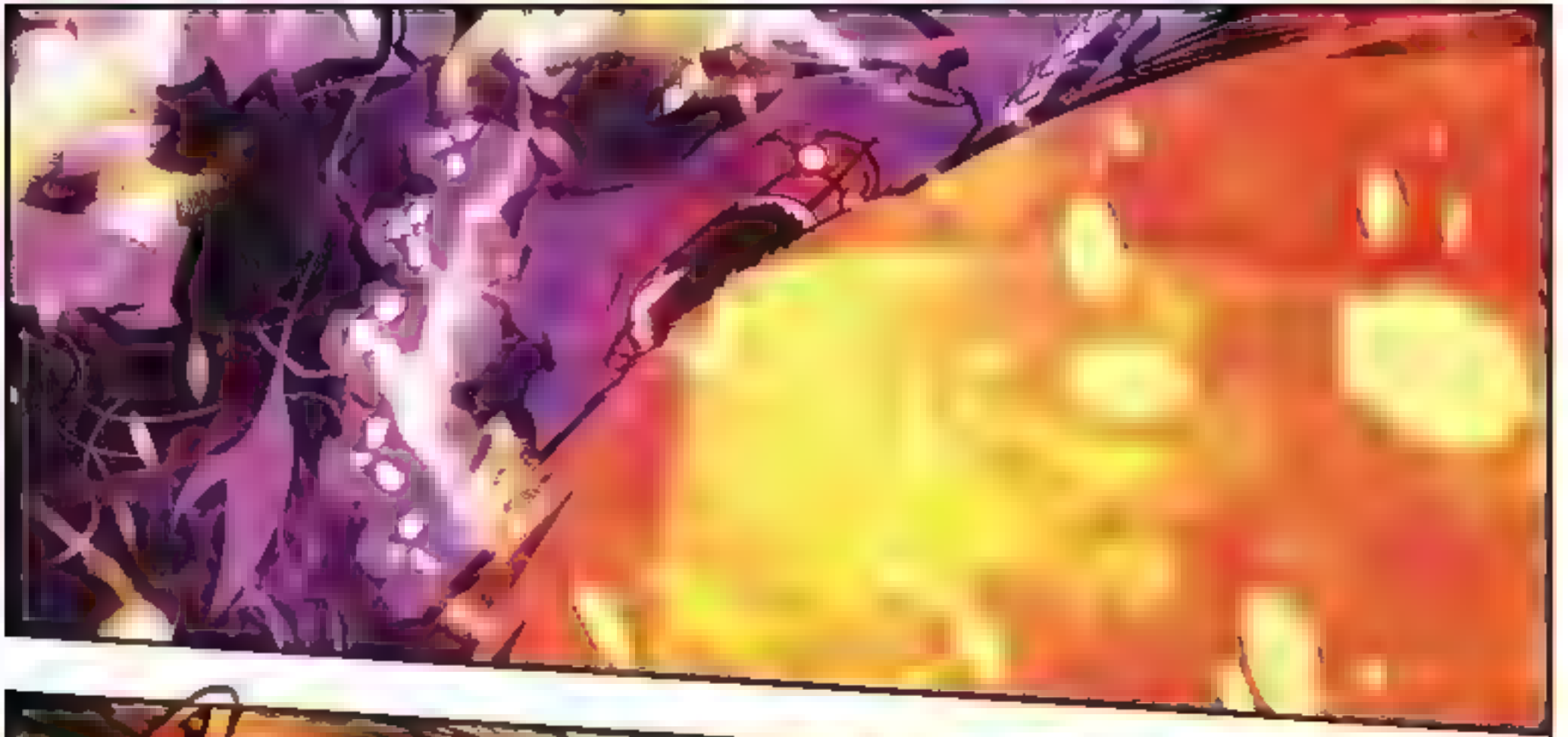


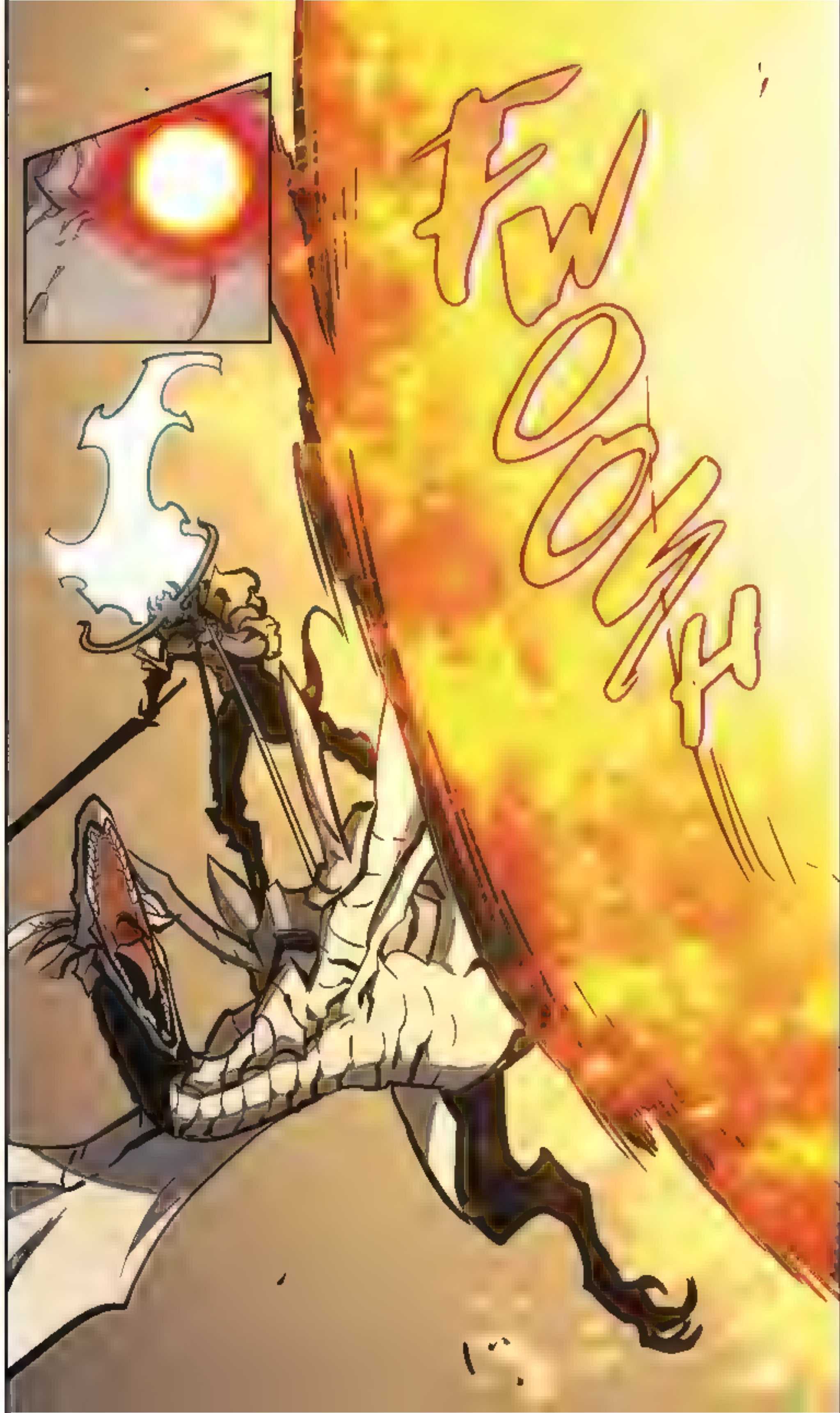






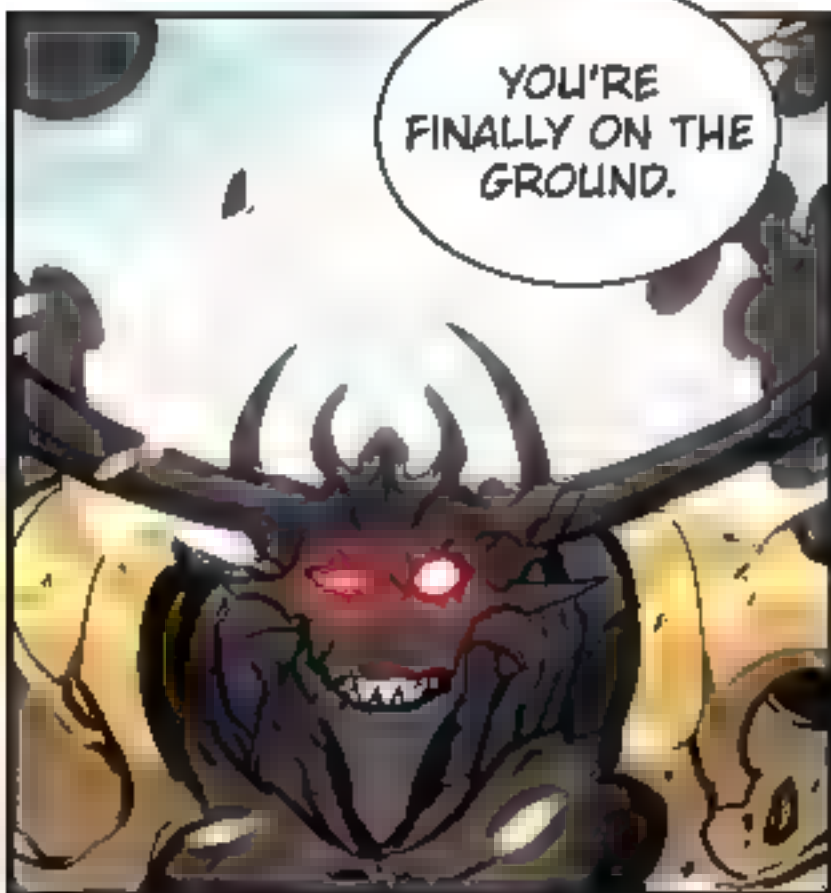
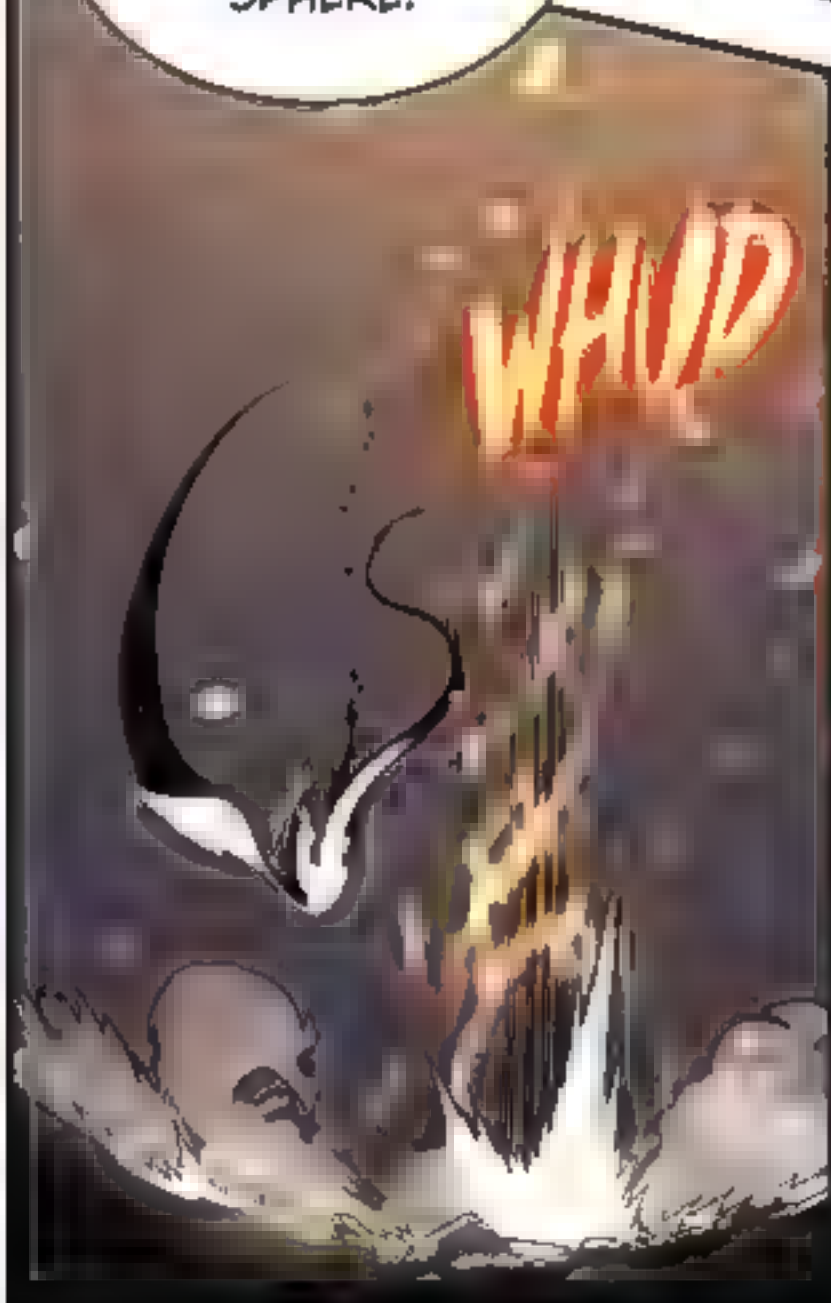








IT WAS
WORTH IT TO LET
FANG HAVE THE
SPHERE.



YOU'RE
FINALLY ON THE
GROUND.

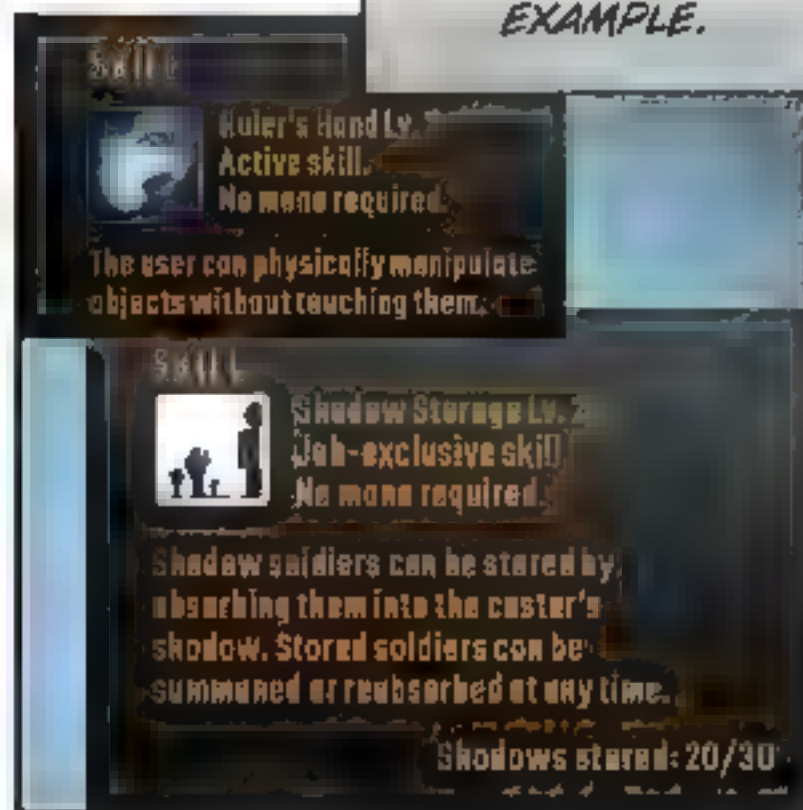


LOOKING
UP...



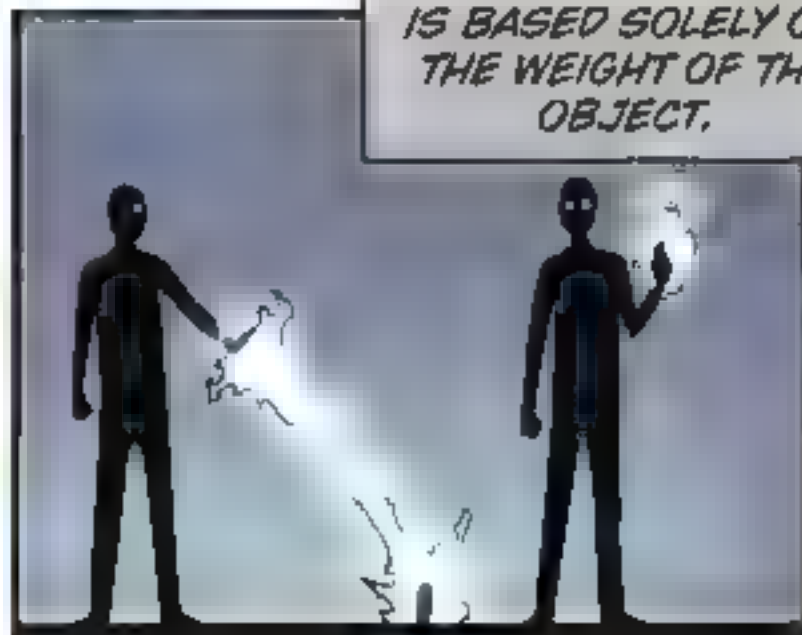
**SOME SKILLS
DON'T CONSUME
MANA.**

**THE RULER'S
HAND AND SHADOW
SOLDIERS, FOR
EXAMPLE.**



**RULER'S HAND
PHYSICALLY
AFFECTS AN
OBJECT, BUT...**

**...IT DOESN'T
CONSUME ANY MANA.
ITS EFFECTIVENESS
IS BASED SOLELY ON
THE WEIGHT OF THE
OBJECT.**



**...WAS TIRING
ME OUT.**



**AS A SOLDIER THAT'S
ALREADY BEING STORED,
A SHADOW SOLDIER
DOESN'T CONSUME ANY
MANA EITHER.**



HOWEVER, IT'S A
DIFFERENT STORY
WHEN A SHADOW
SOLDIER IS
DESTROYED.

RESTORING A
DESTROYED SOLDIER
CONSUMES MANA.

AND WHEN MANA
RUNS OUT, A SHADOW
SOLDIER DOESN'T
GET RESTORED —
IT'S ABSORBED
INTO THE SHADOW.

THAT'S WHY IT'S
IMPORTANT TO
IMPROVE THE
INTELLIGENCE STAT
TO INCREASE THE
ABSOLUTE QUANTITY
OF MANA.



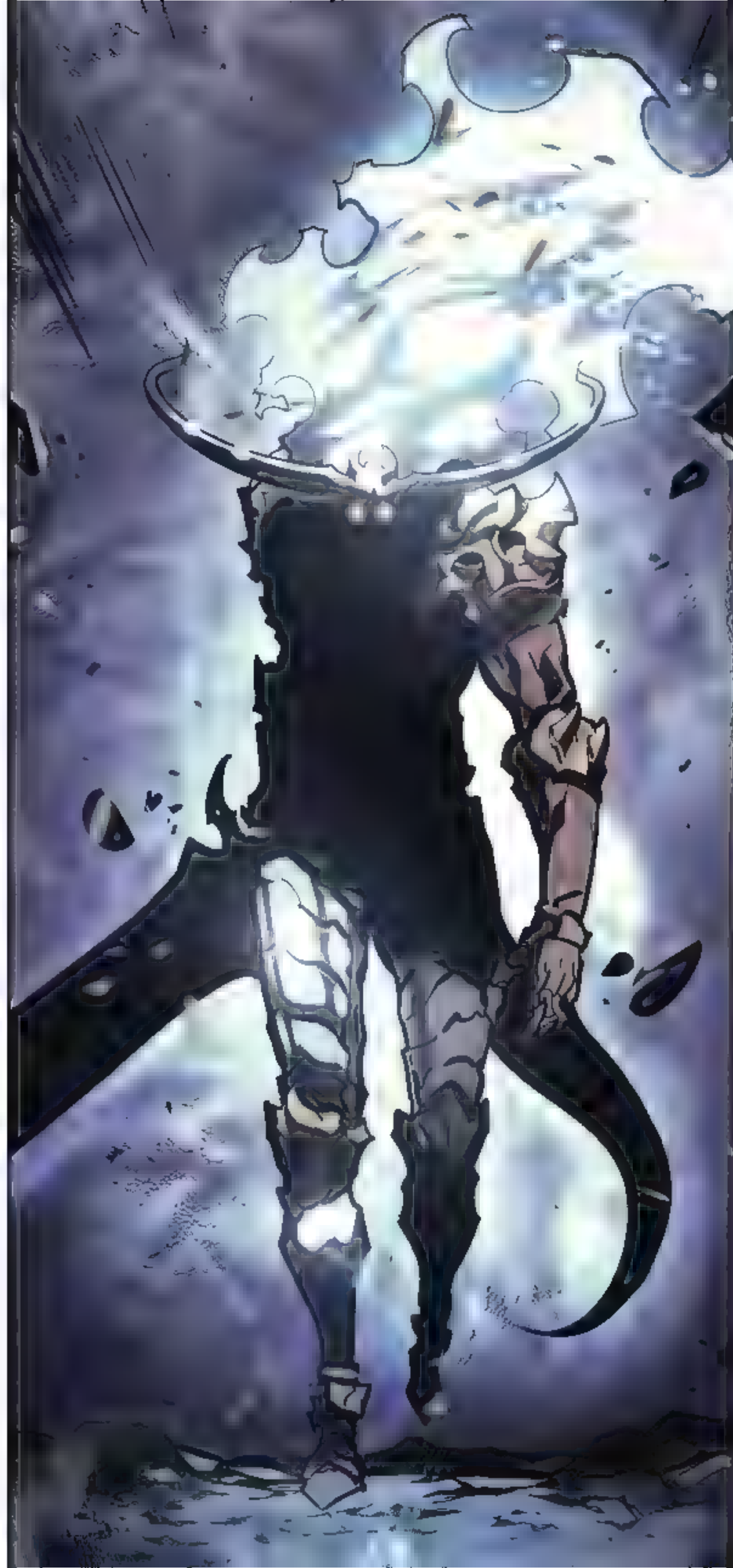
THE
BASTARD HAS
INCREDIBLY HIGH
COMBAT POWER
AND MANA.

HOW DO HIS
SOLDIERS MOVE
ABOUT?

IF BALAN'S
SOLDIERS CAN'T BE
RESTORED AND HE
KEEPS SUMMONING
THEM, HE'LL USE UP
A HUGE AMOUNT OF
MAGIC POWER...!

MP: 3,288 / 7,270





Fong uses [Skill: Song of Protection].

MANA
IS GETTING
LOW.

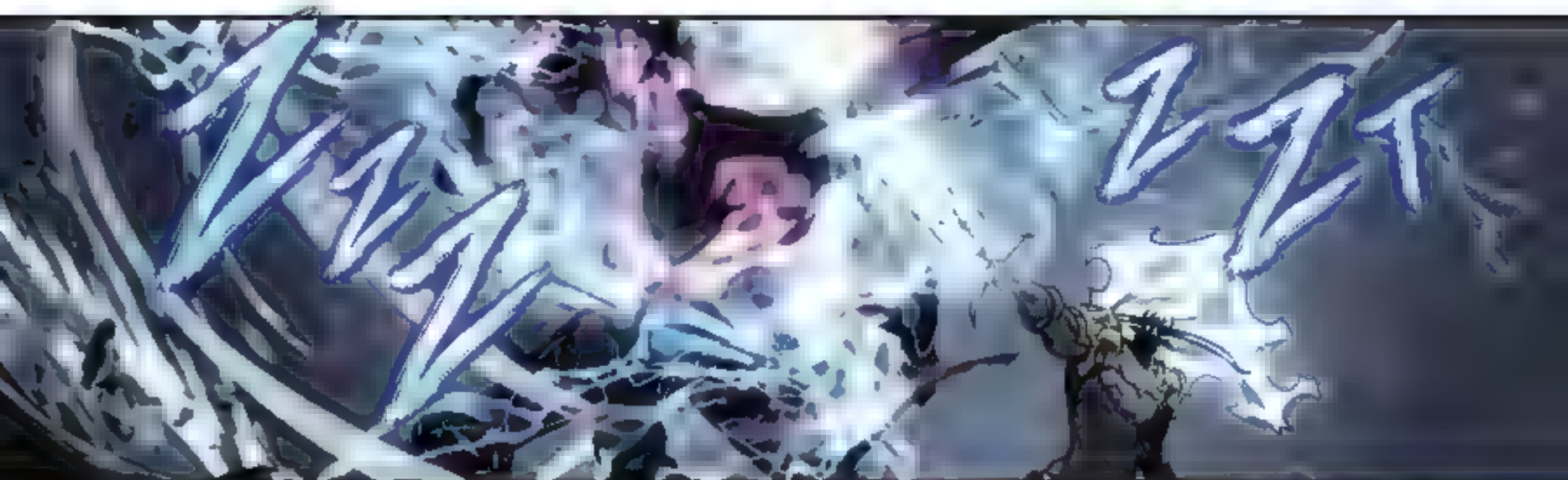
THIS DEMON
DOESN'T GIVE
ME TIME TO
REFILL IT!

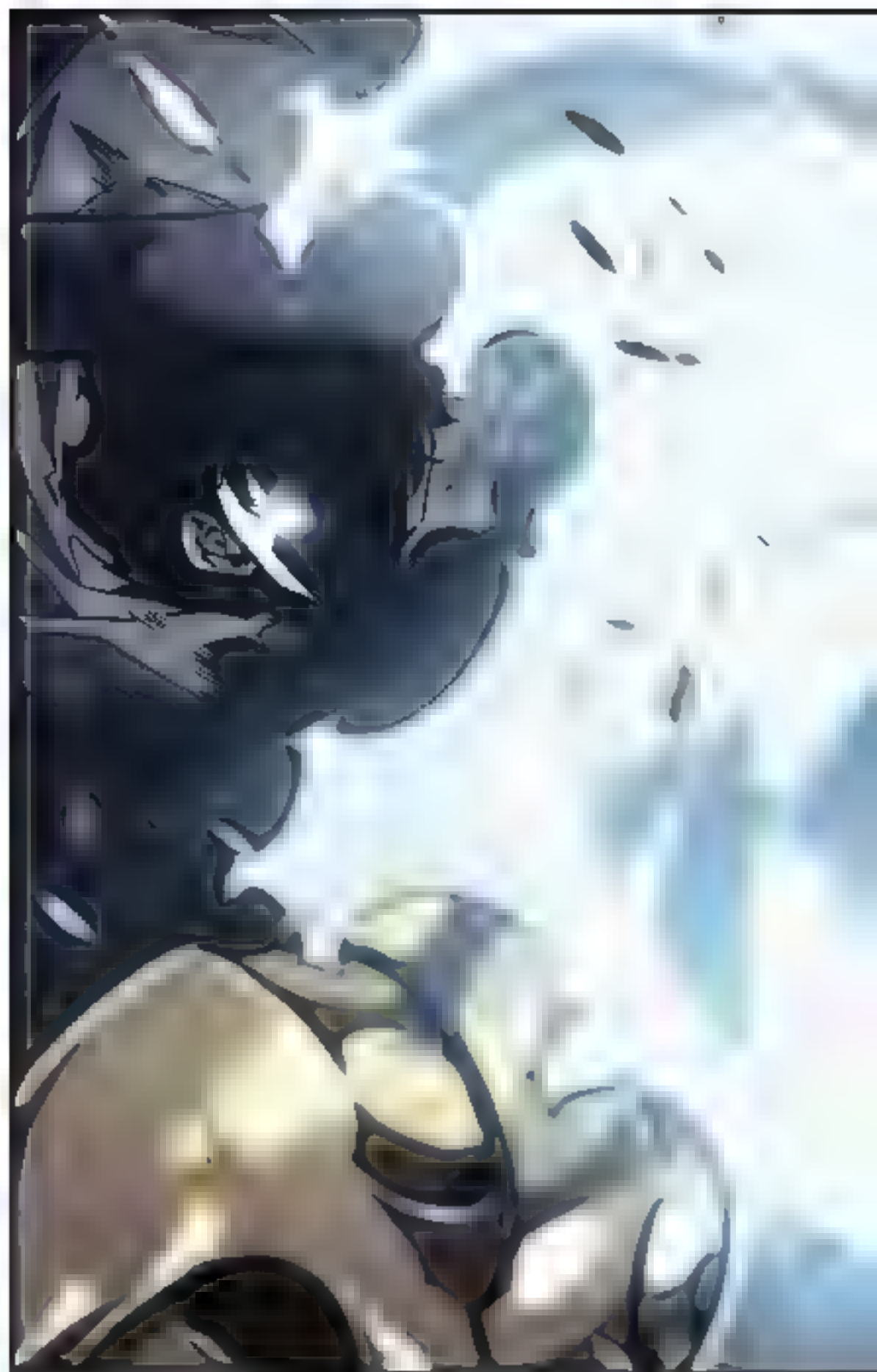
MP: 2,938 / 7,270

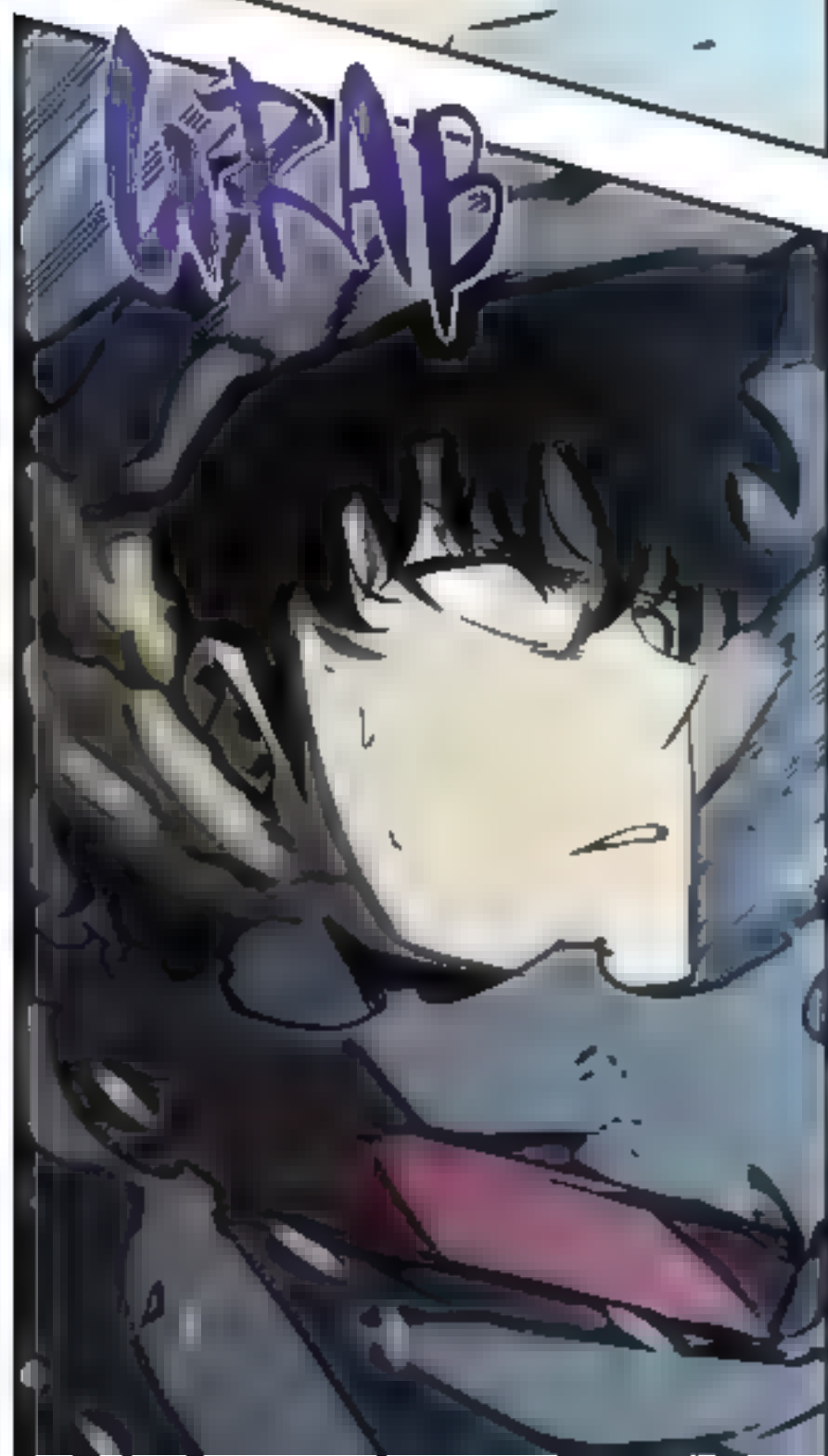
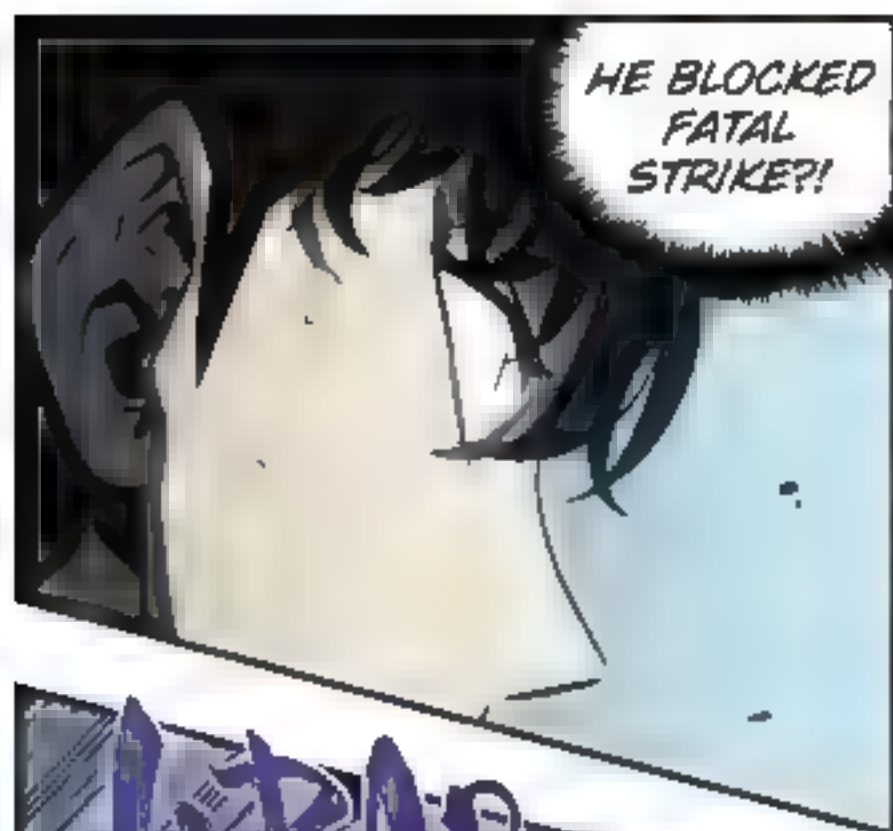
CONSUMPTION OF
MANA INCREASES
WHEN A HIGHER-
RANK SOLDIER GETS
DESTROYED.

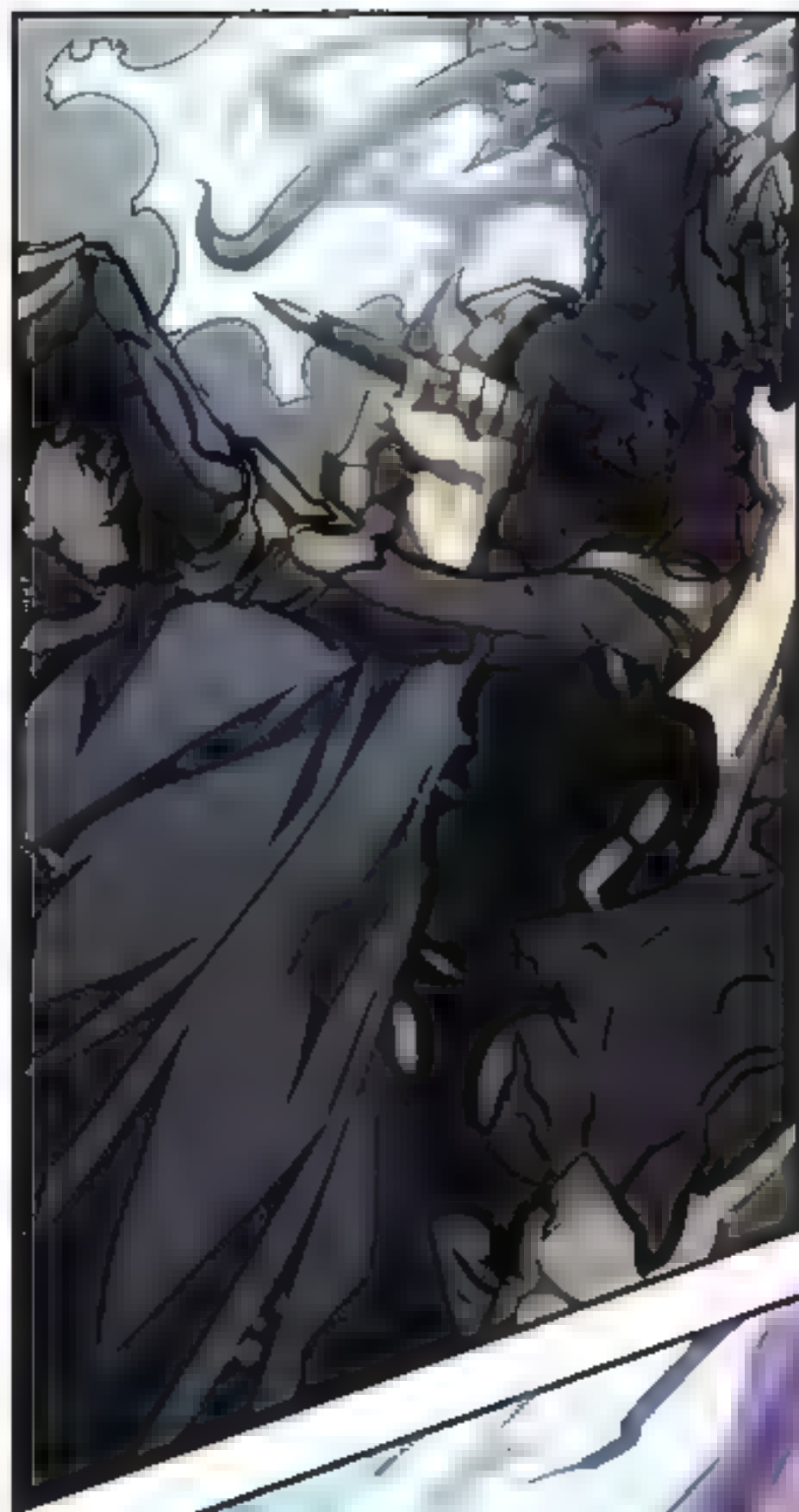
I STILL NEED
HELP FROM MY
SOLDIERS...

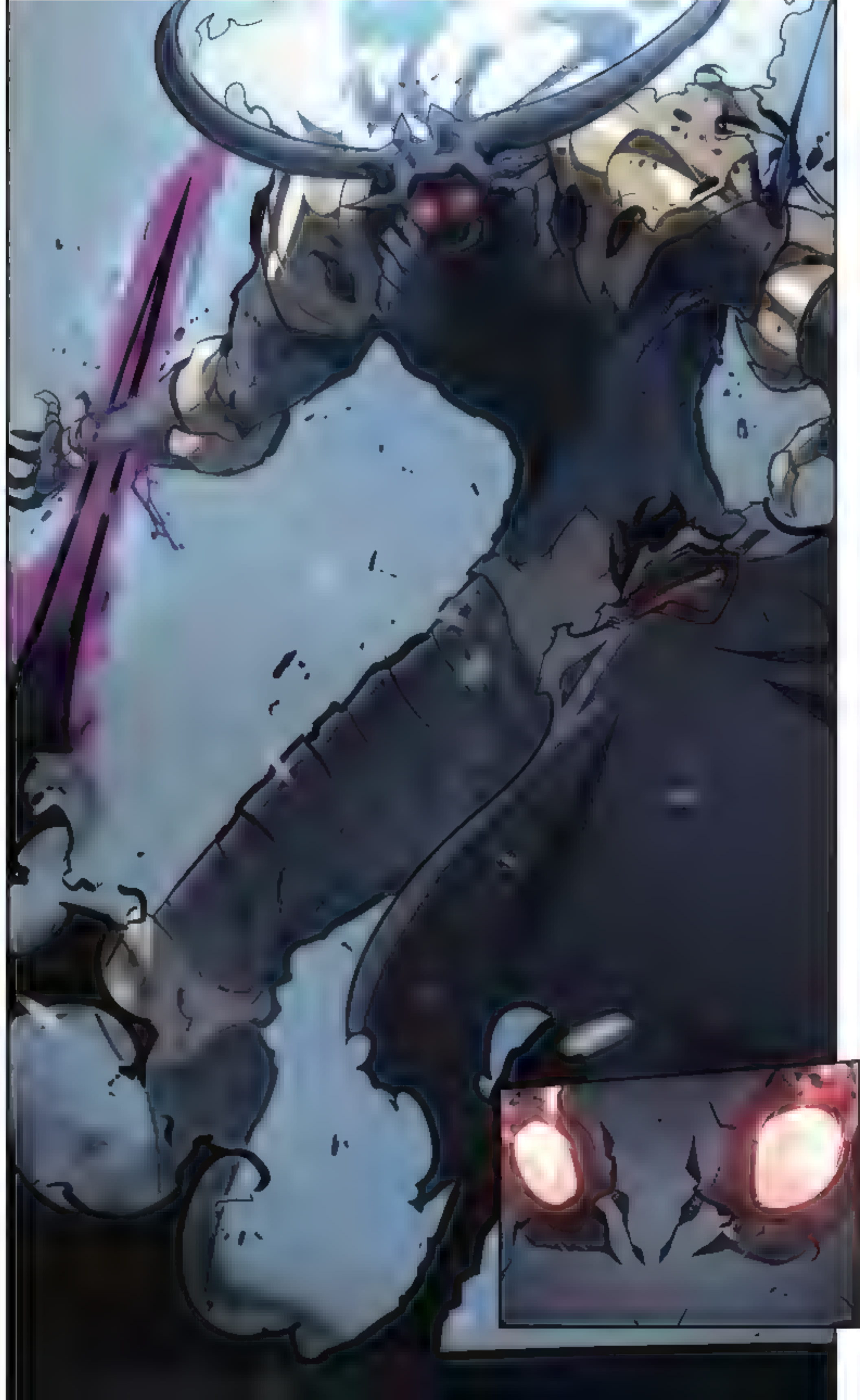
I HAVE
TO FINISH THE
BATTLE BEFORE
MY MANA
RUNS OUT!















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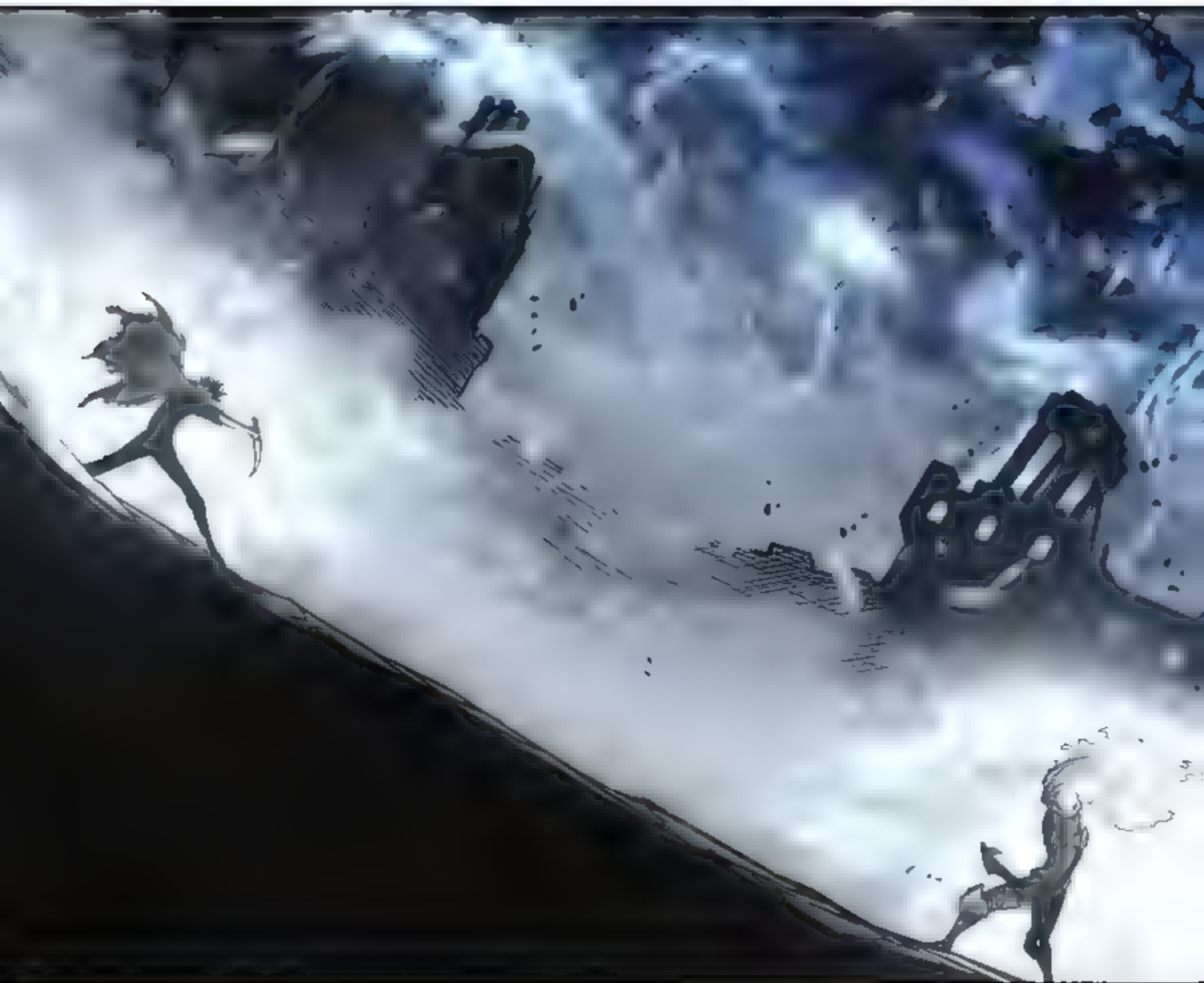
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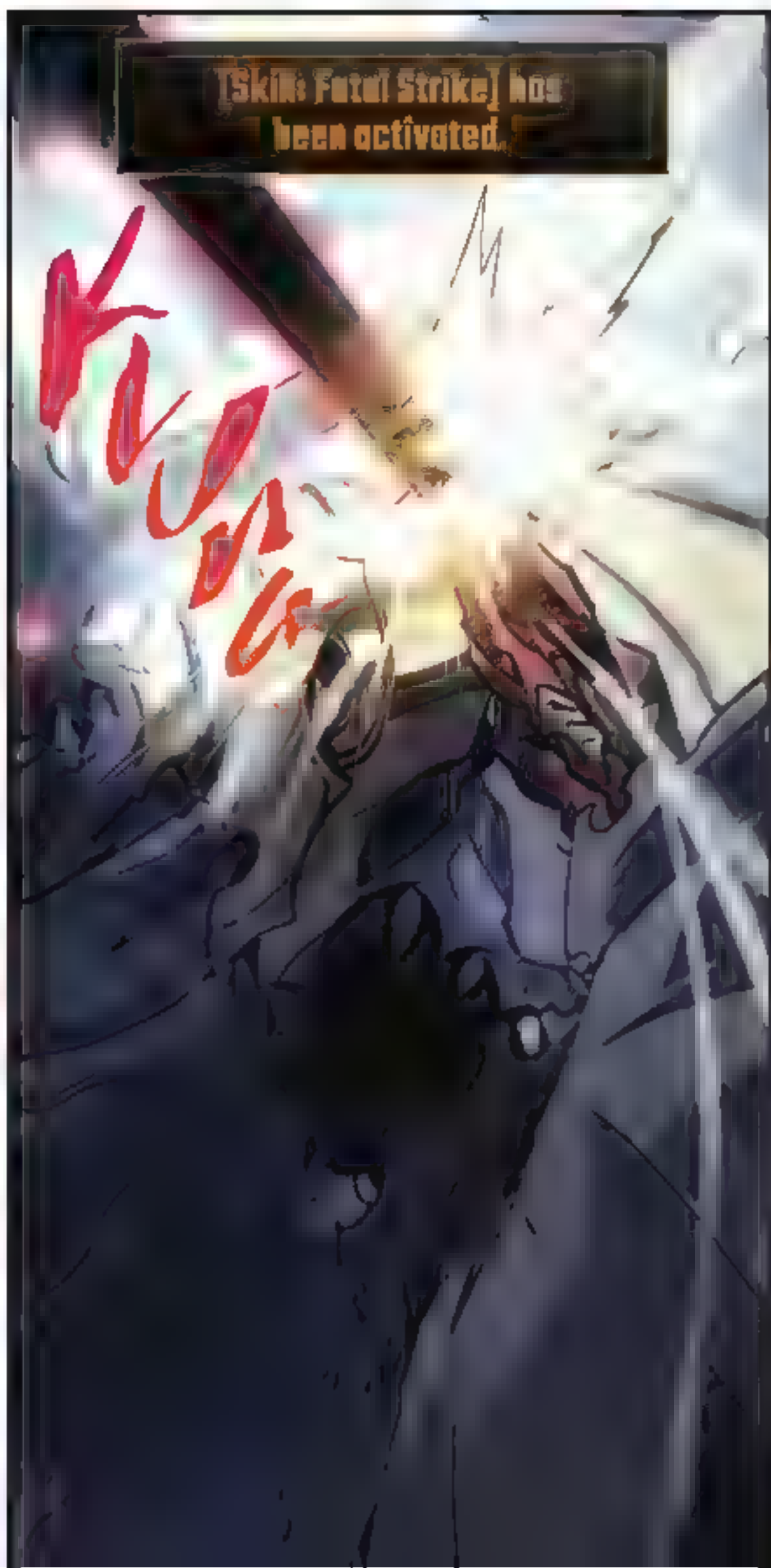
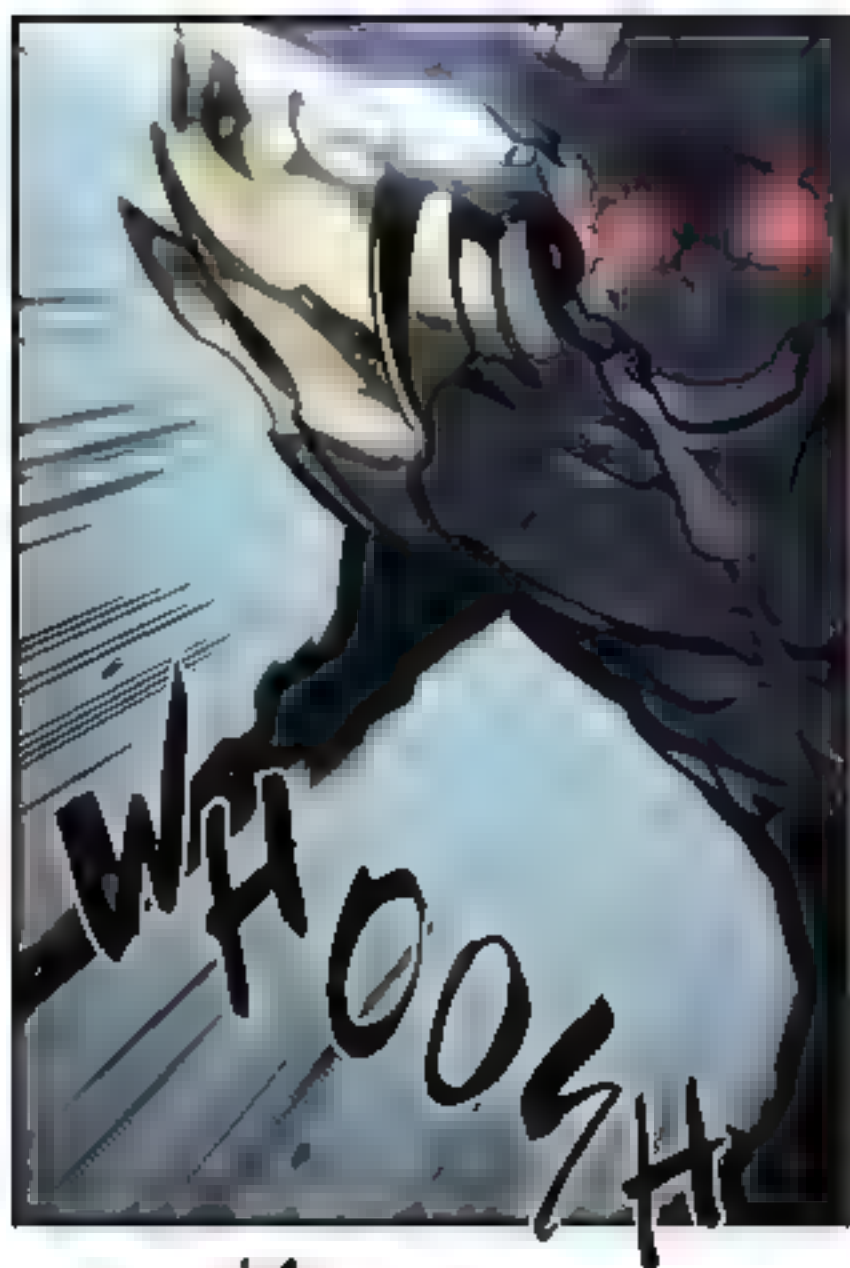
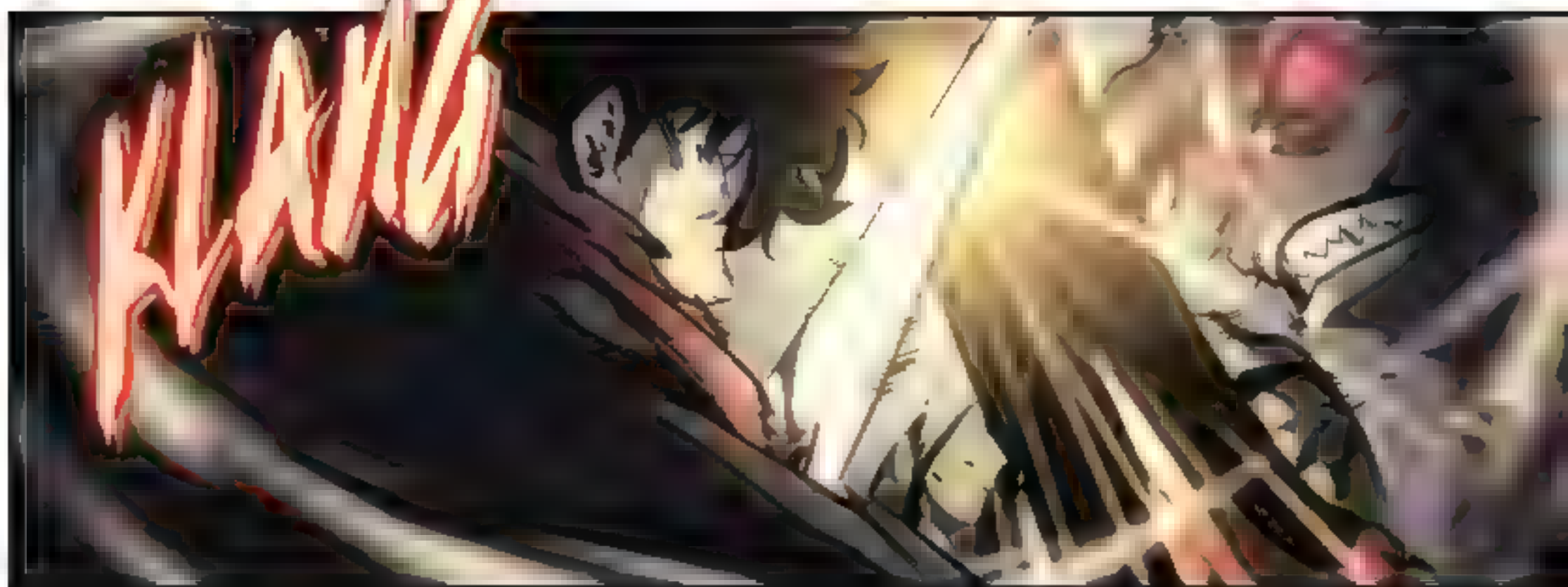
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GRIP







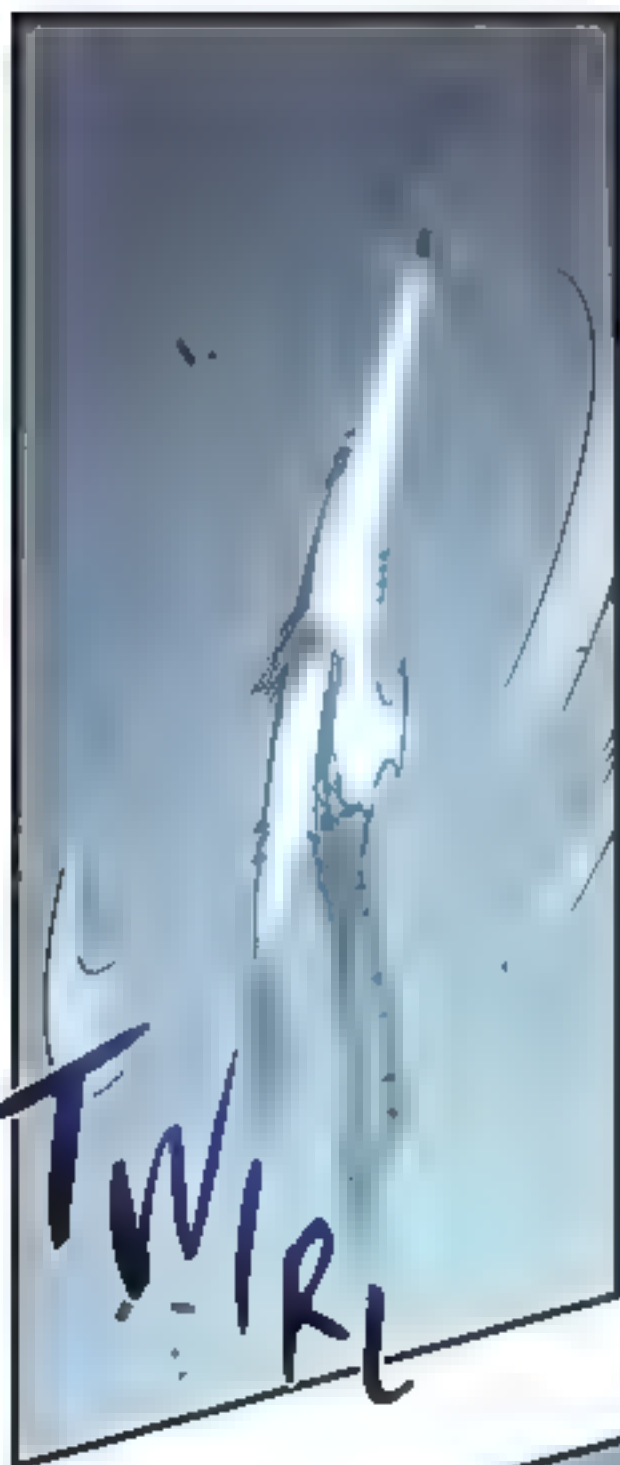




KLANG



Twirl



Twirl



DAMN IT!
THE DAGGER
IS...!



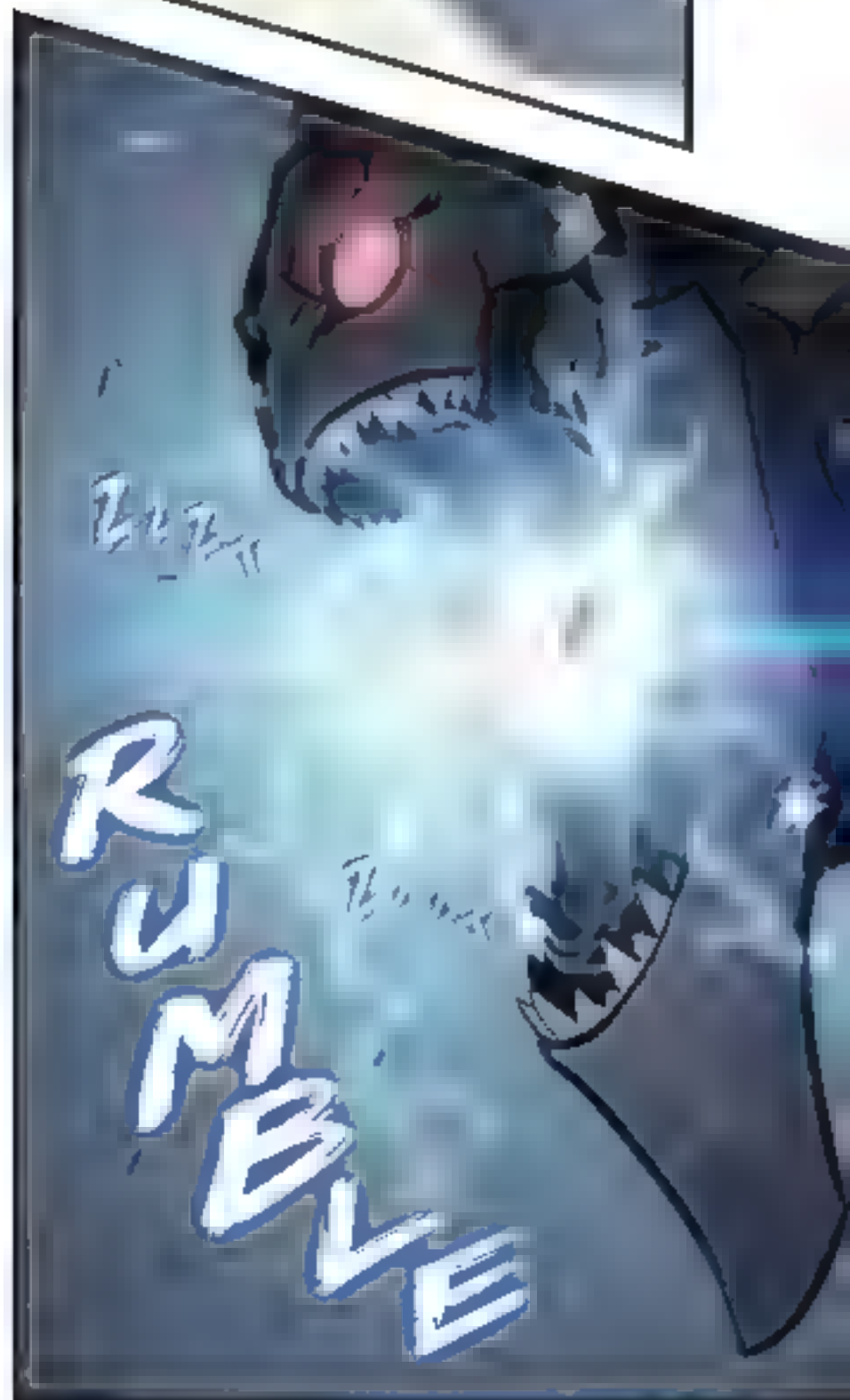
Whoooo

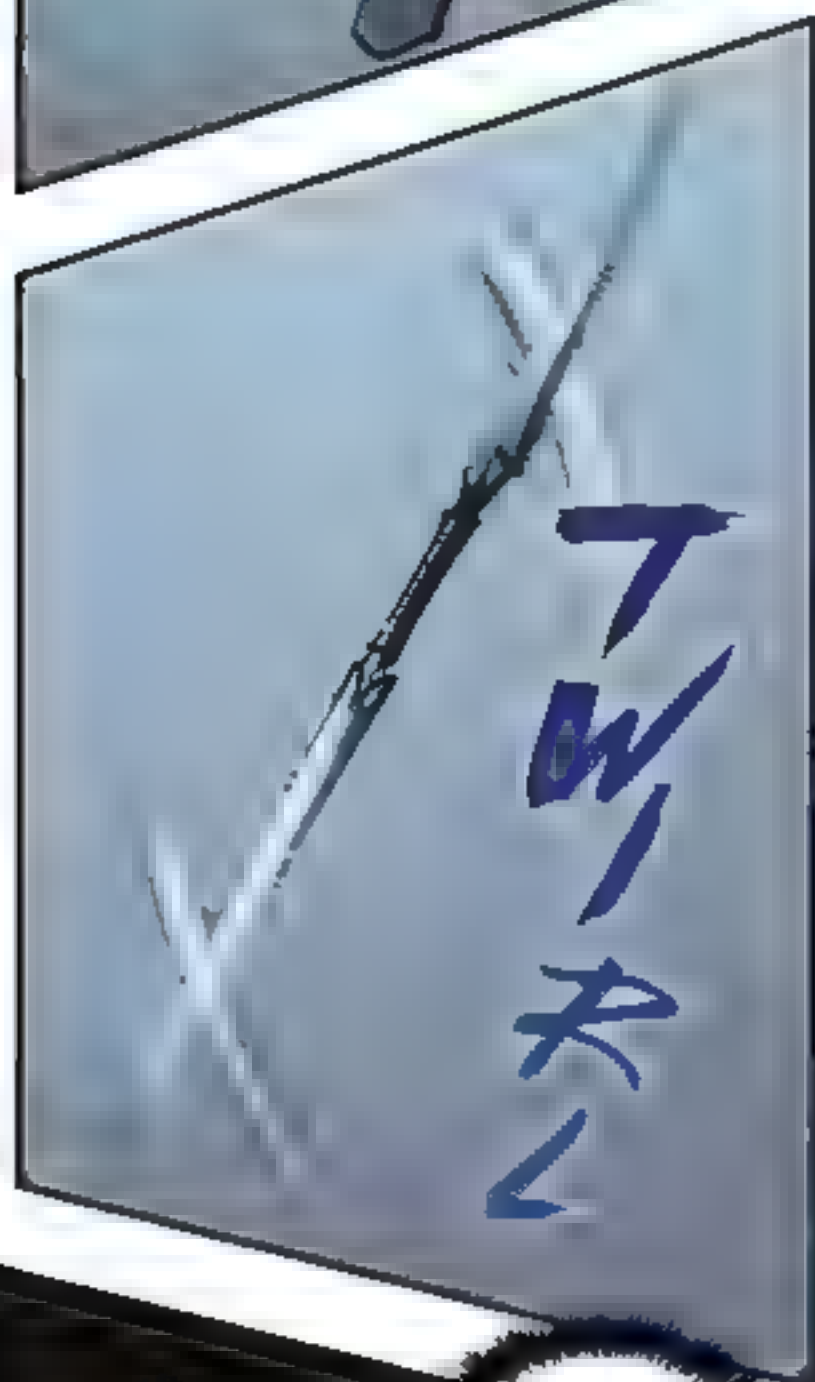
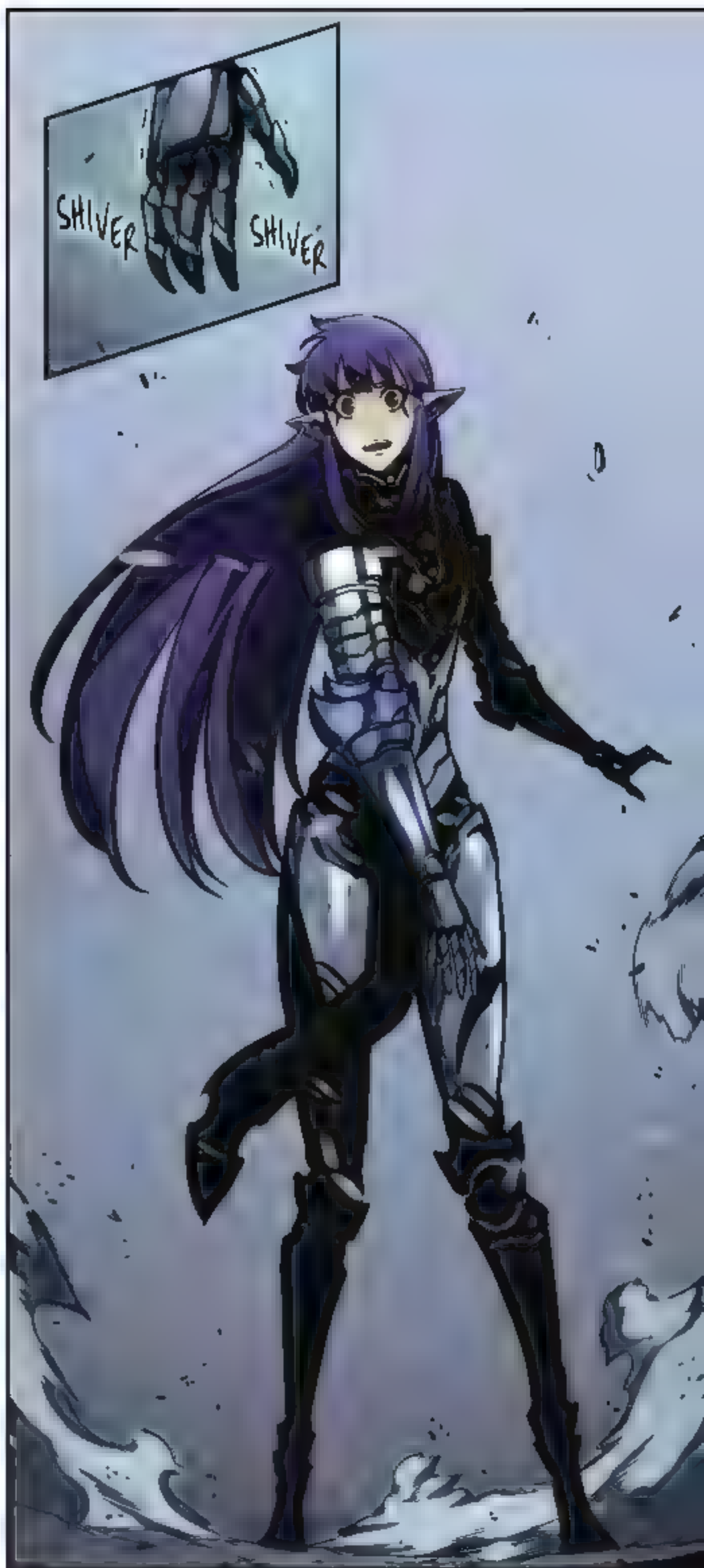


UGH...
TOO MUCH
POWER!



MORE? DOES
THIS DEMON
HAVE INFINITE
MANA?







I HAVE
TO STRIKE
NOW!

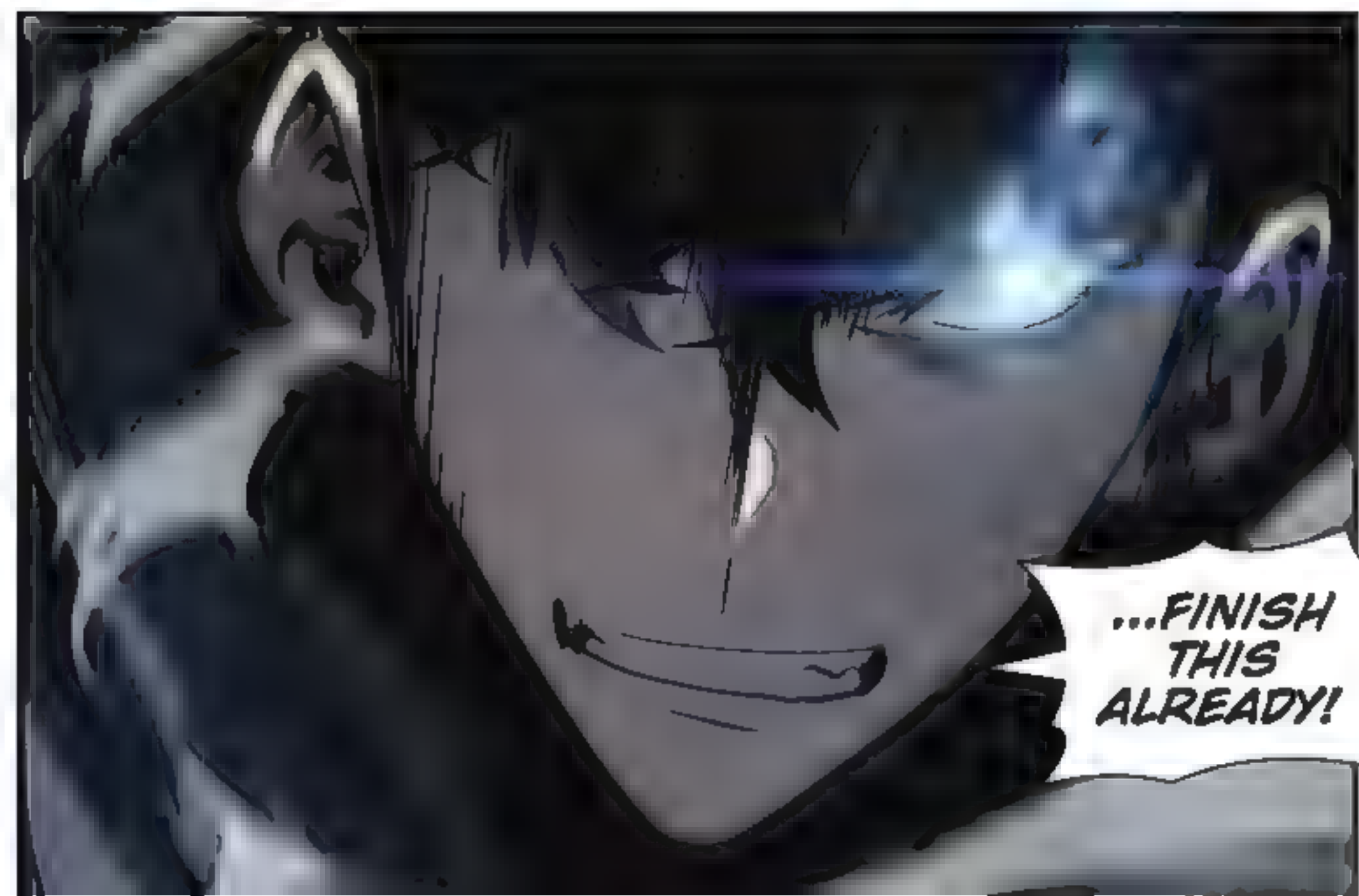
WITH THE
STRENGTH STAT
I'VE INVESTED
SO MUCH IN...

FWIP.

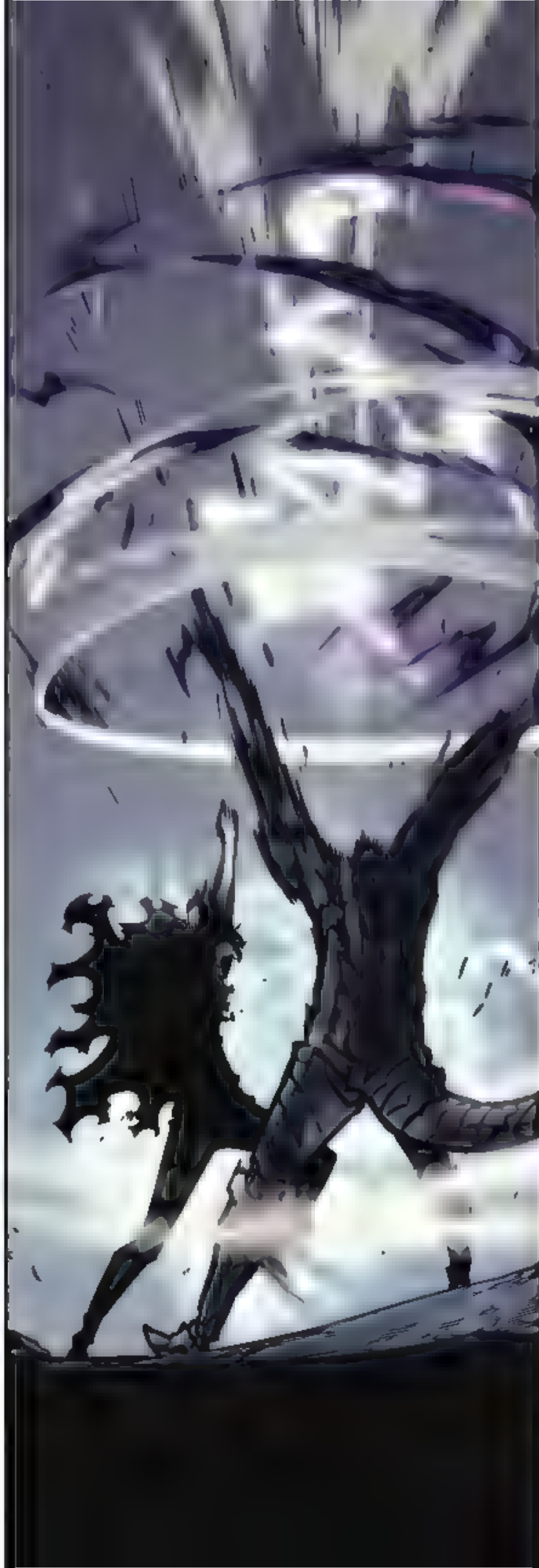


...AND THE
RULER'S HAND
COMBINED
TOGETHER!

[Skill: Ruler's Hand] has
been activated.



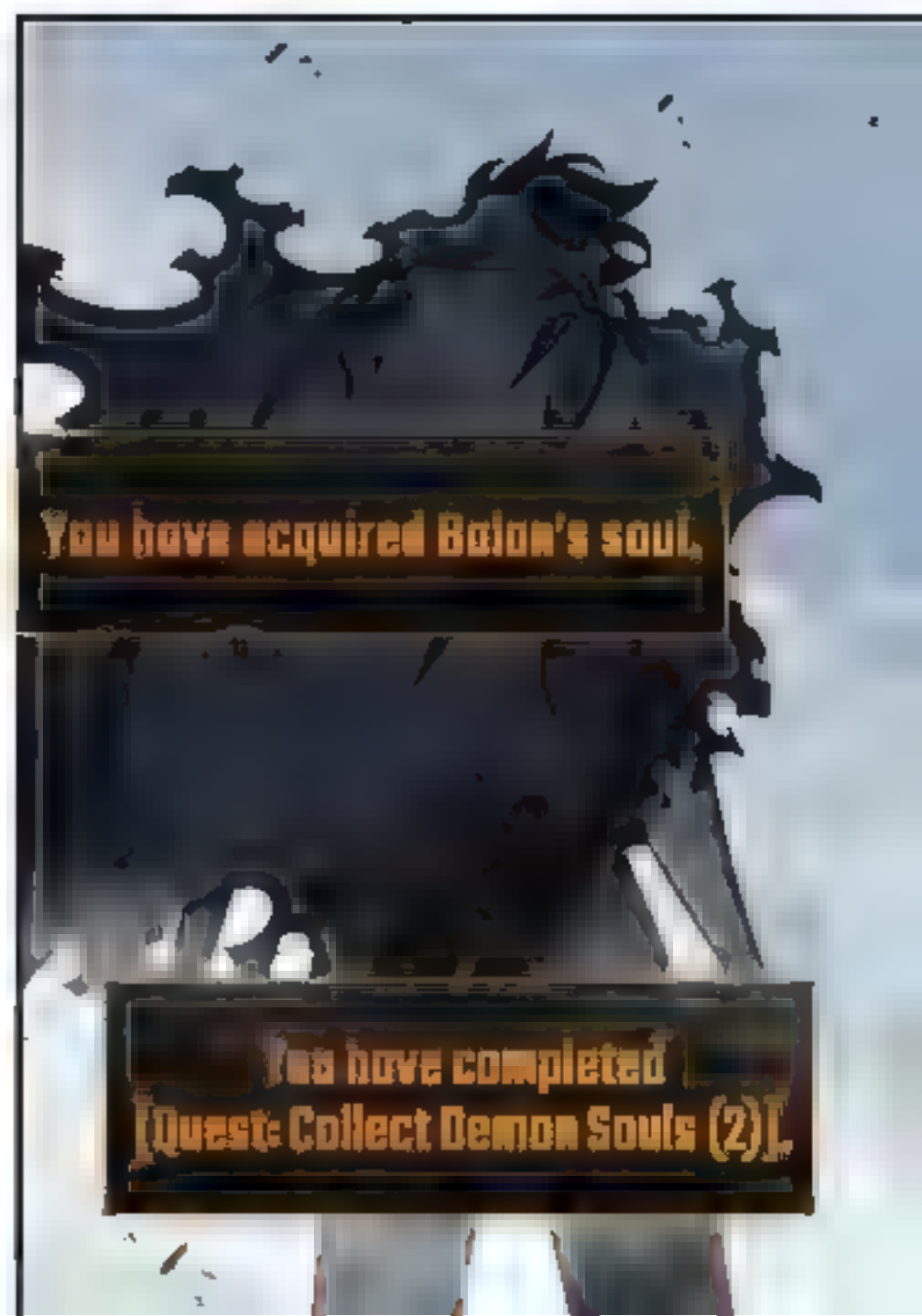




JINWOO,
SIR...

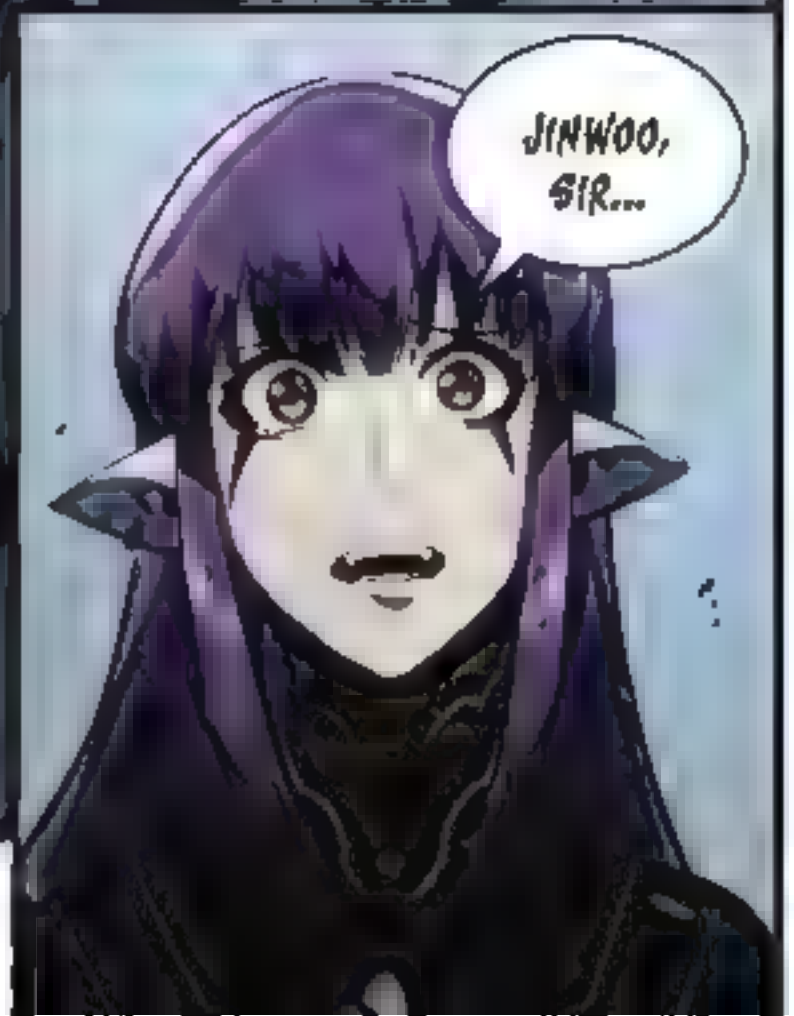
You have defeated the
Demon Monarch Balan.

THUD



You have acquired Balan's soul.

You have completed
[Quest: Collect Demon Souls (2)].





OUR
FAMILY NAME
IS RADIR.

Jinwoo Sung
Level: 97



You have discovered
[Item: Demon Monarch's Sword].



ITEM: Demon Monarch's Sword

ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY: 5

CATEGORY: Sword

Attack Power +350
This sword contains the power of the Demon Monarch Belia. Whenever you swing the sword, [Buff: Storm of White Lightning] will be applied.

—BUFF: Storm of White Lightning: Stir up a storm with never-ending lightning in a certain area.



You have discovered
[Item: Demon Monarch's Ring].

You have discovered 2
[Item: Demon Monarch's Dagger].



ITEM: Demon Monarch's Dagger

ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY: 5

CATEGORY: Dagger

Attack Power +220
A dagger acquired from the Demon Monarch Belia. When you use both Demon Monarch's Daggers, the set buff will be applied.

—SET BUFF: Two in One: Extra attack power equal to the current strength stat will be added to each dagger.

You have discovered 2
[Item: Demon's Horn].

You have discovered [Material Item:
Purified Blood of the Demon Monarch].

DEMON MONARCH'S RING!

THIS ACTIVATES A SET BUFF.



ITEM: Demon Monarch's Ring

ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY: 5

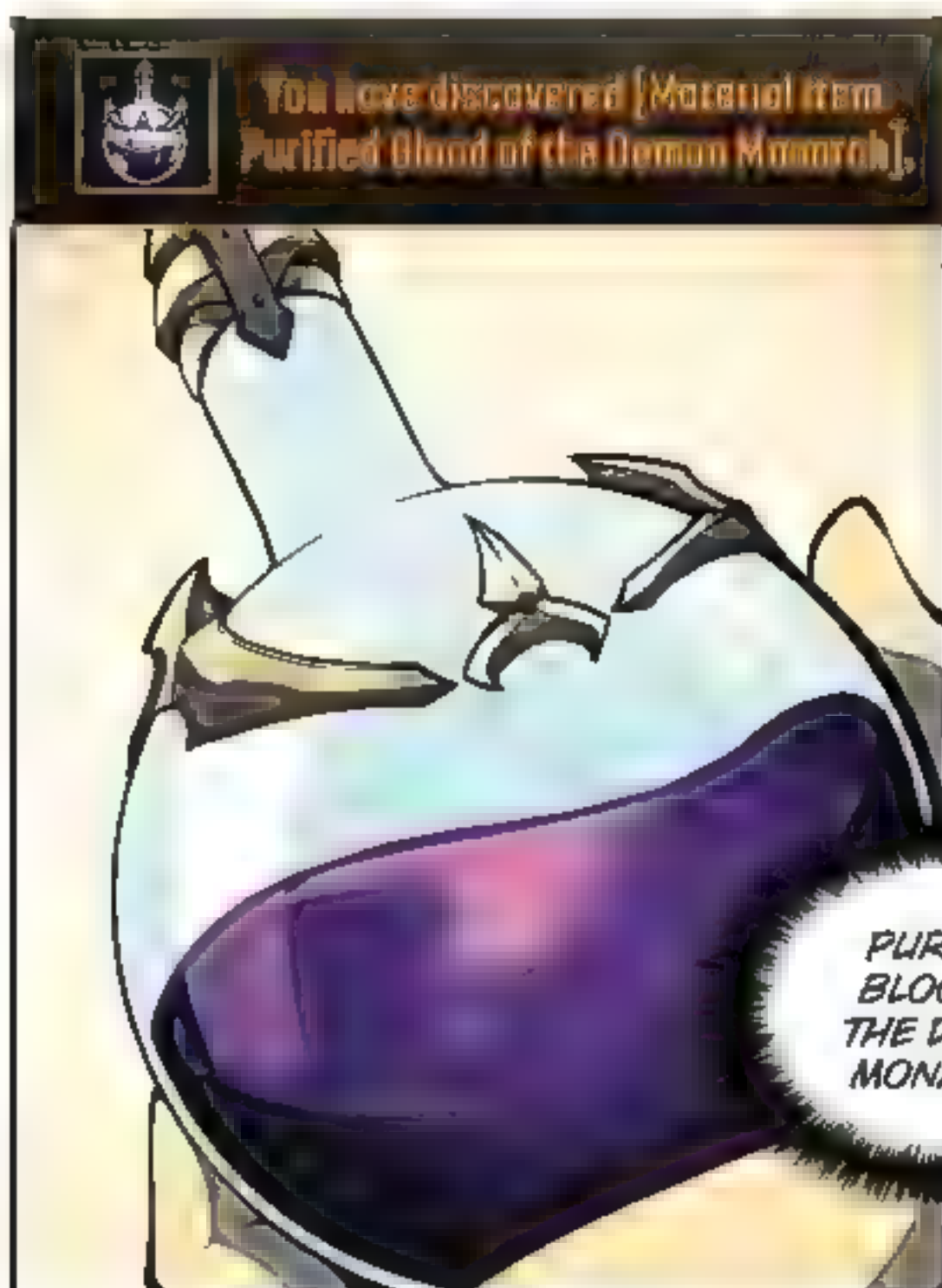
CATEGORY: Accessory

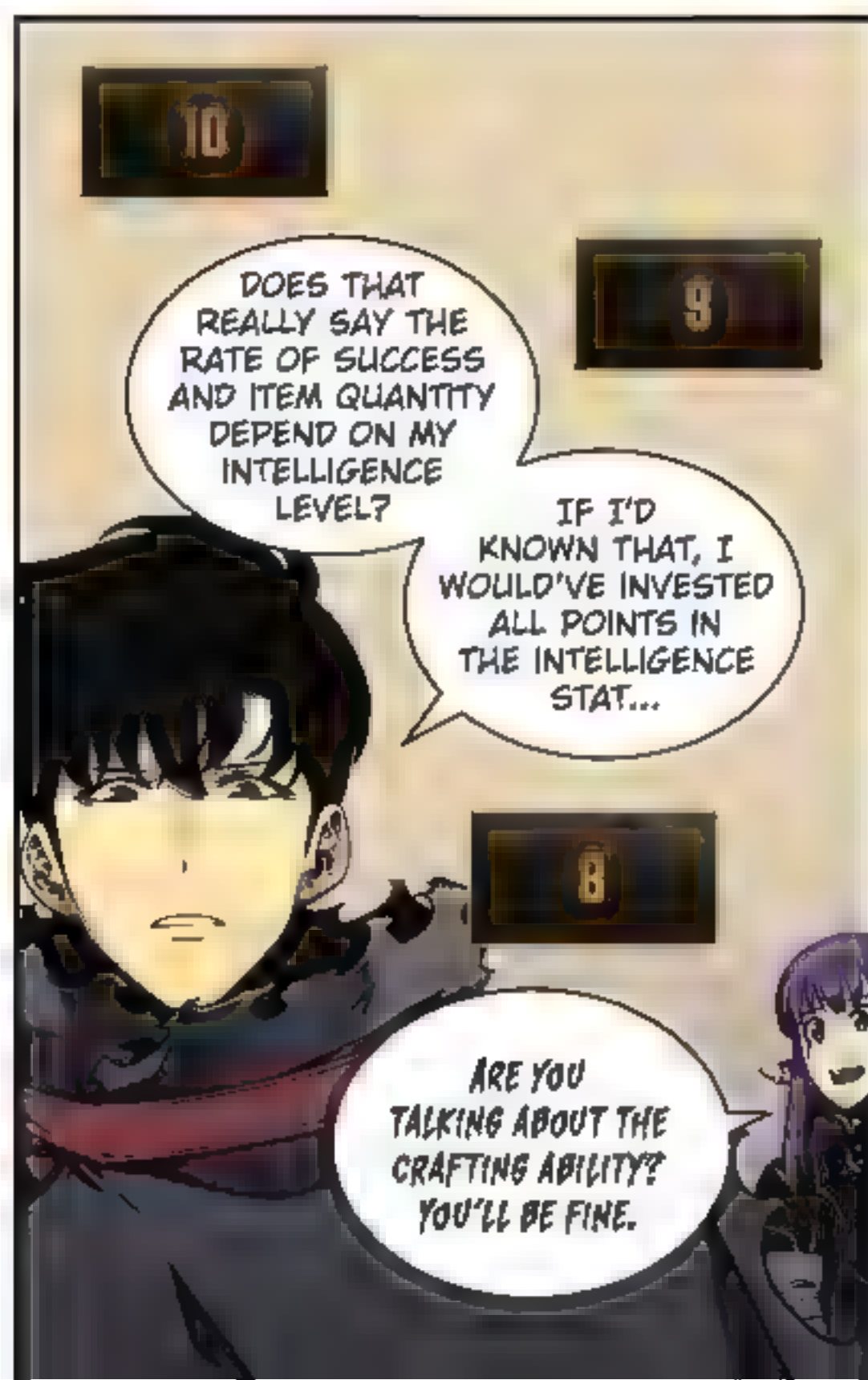
Agility +20, Intelligence +20
There are set buffs that will be revealed when worn with:

- Demon Monarch's Earrings (wearing)
- Demon Monarch's Necklace (wearing)
- Set Buff 1, All stats +5
- Set Buff 2, All stats +10

SLIDE







Crafting was successful!



You have acquired 6 [Item: Elixir of Life]!

YES!

HUH?
THE AMOUNT
OF BLOOD
DECREASED A
LITTLE BIT...

...THE
WORLD TREE
FRAGMENT IS MISSING
A CHUNK, AND THE
SPRING WATER FROM
ECHO FOREST IS
GONE.

MATERIALS

Purified Blood of the
Roman Monarch (1/3)

World Tree Fragment (1/3)

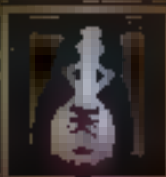
Spring Water from Echo Forest (0/3)



I GUESS
IT USES ONLY
THE AMOUNT
NECESSARY
INSTEAD OF THE
ENTIRE ITEM?

SO THIS
IS ELIXIR OF
LIFE...

ITEM

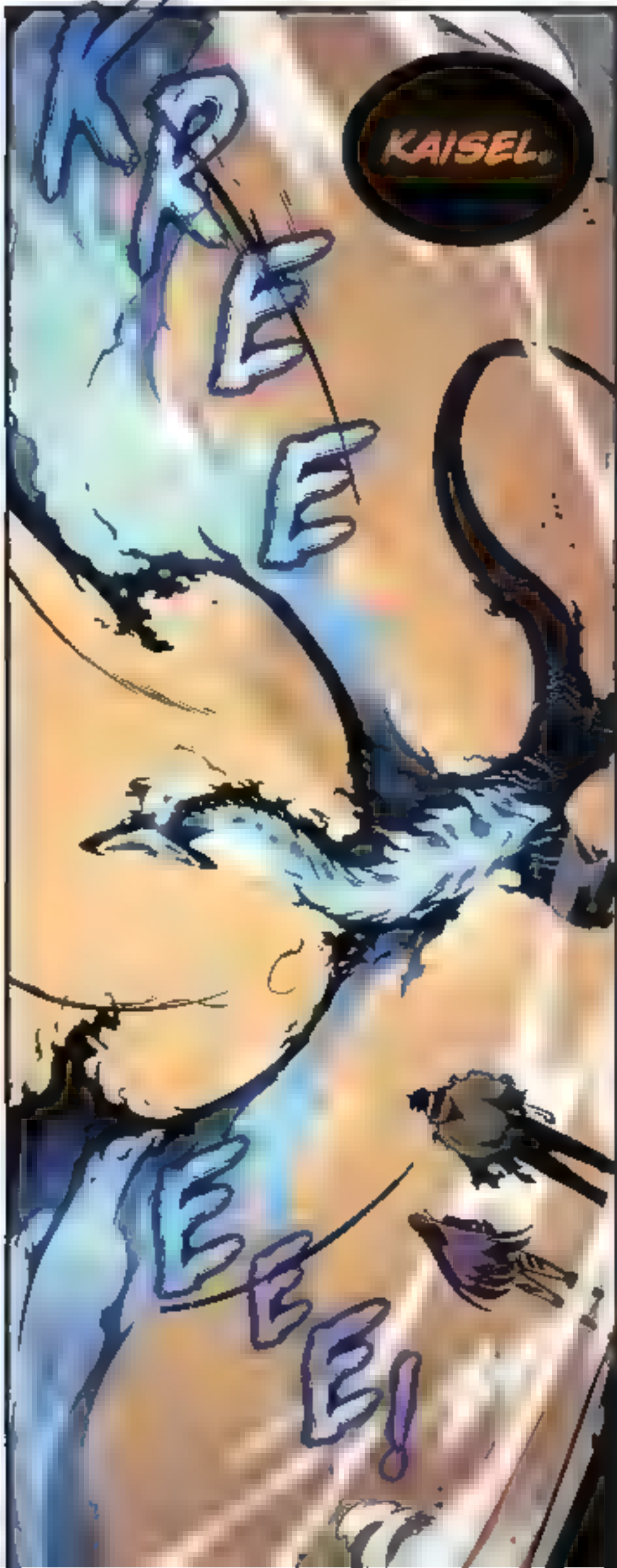


ITEM: ELIXIR OF LIFE
ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY: 3
CATEGORY: Consumable

A mystical potion that cures all
diseases using powerful magic. An
entire bottle must be consumed for
the full effect of the potion.









SKILL



Shadow Swap
Job-exclusive skill
No mana required

The user may switch locations with a designated shadow soldier. Once used, you may activate it again only after a three-hour cooldown period. Wait times can vary depending on skill level.



THAT SKILL IS INSANE!

I CAN SWAP LOCATIONS WITH ANY SHADOW SOLDIER, NO MATTER THE PLACE!

PACK
PACK

THIS SKILL BASICALLY LETS ME TELEPORT!



YOU ALL DID A GOOD JOB.

ESIL, I'M SORRY, BUT YOU HAVE TO GO HOME ON YOUR OWN.

EH?
WHAT ABOUT THE CELEBRATION...?

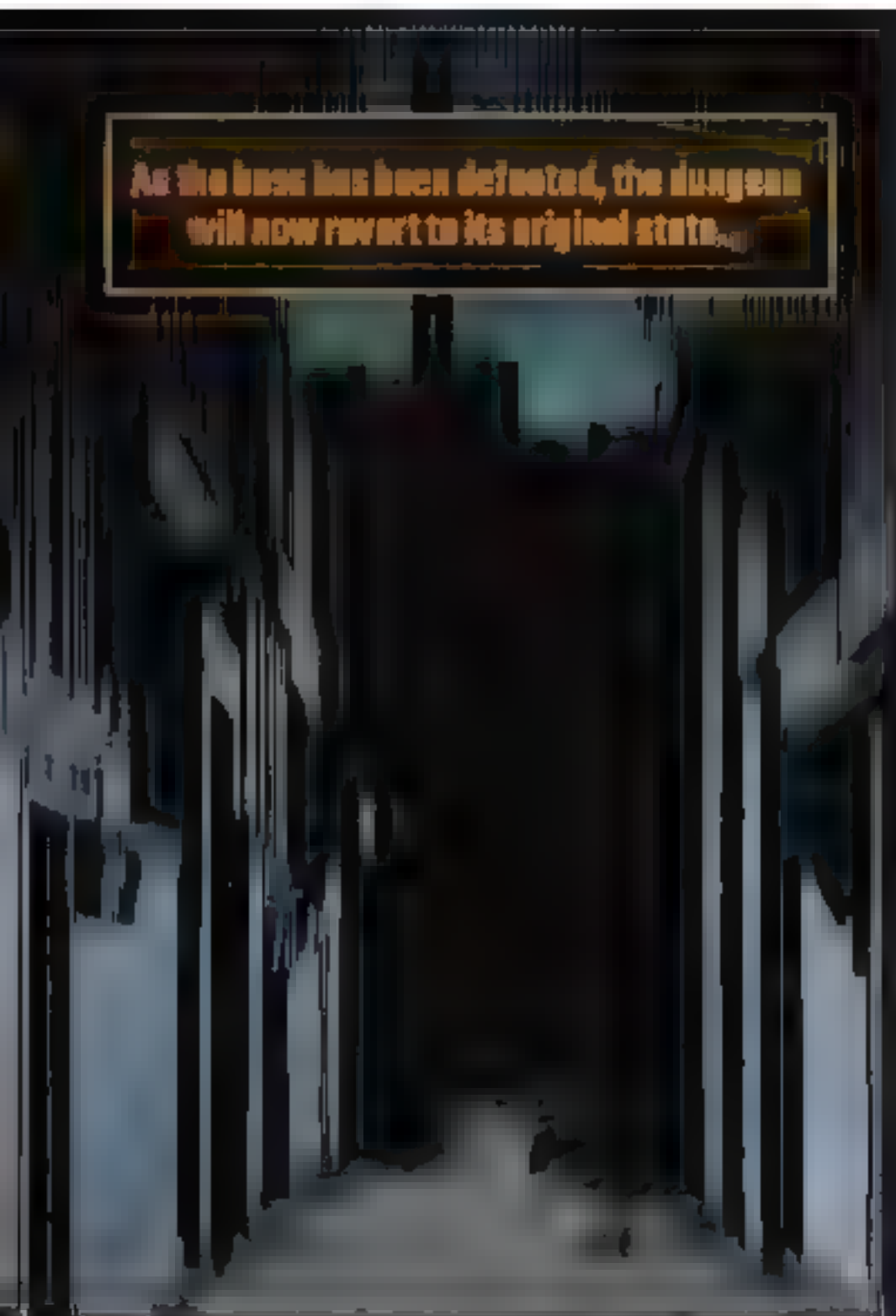
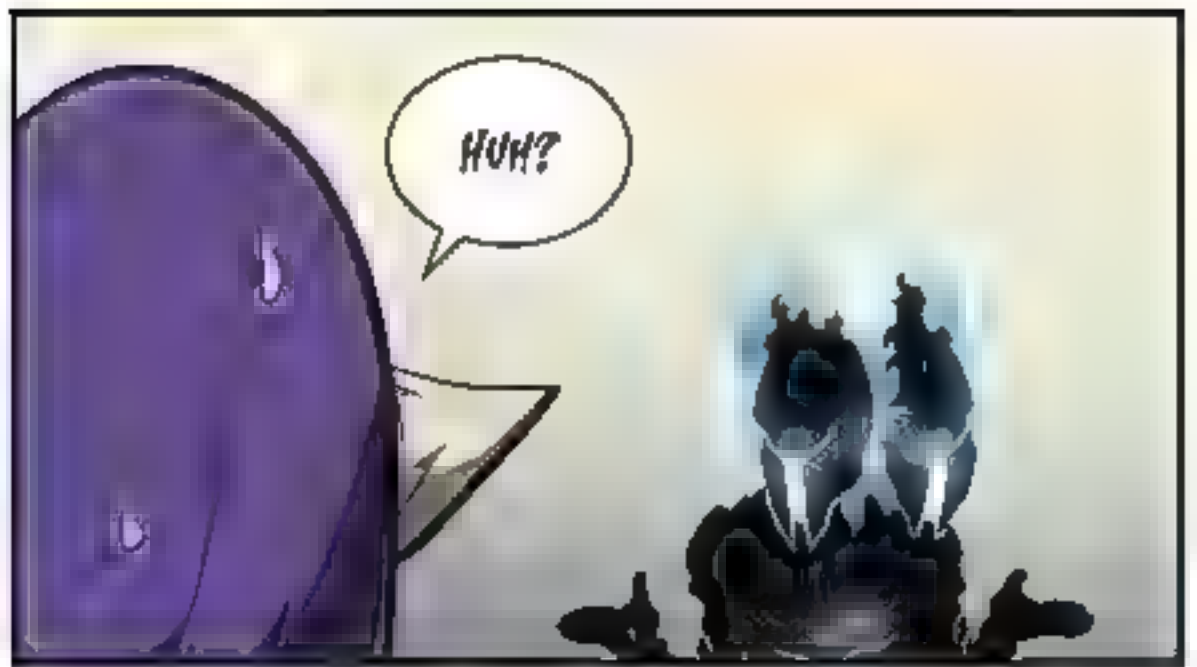


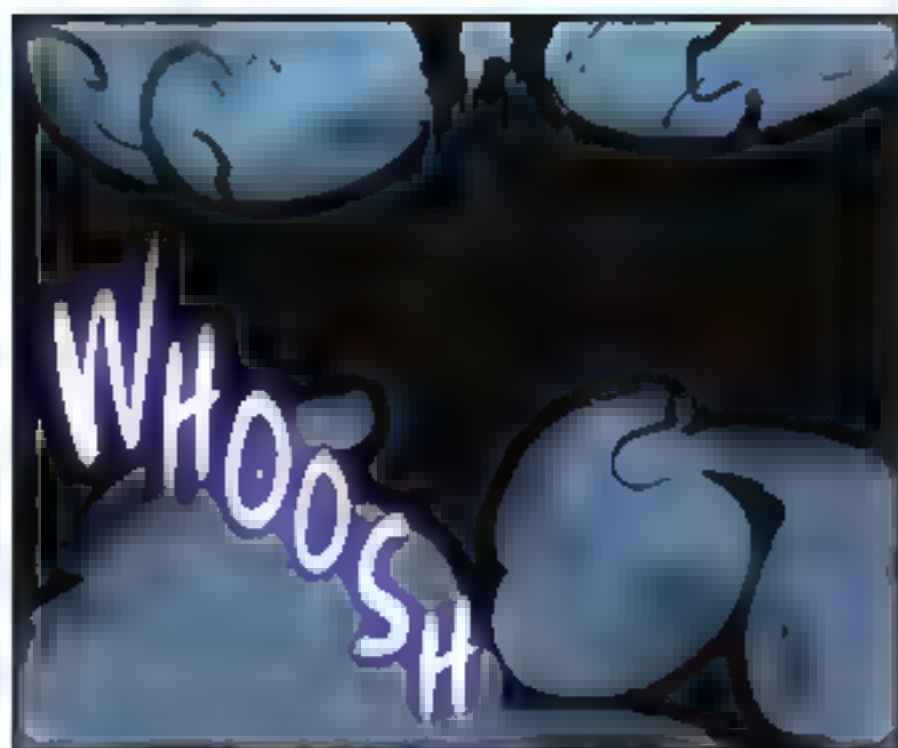
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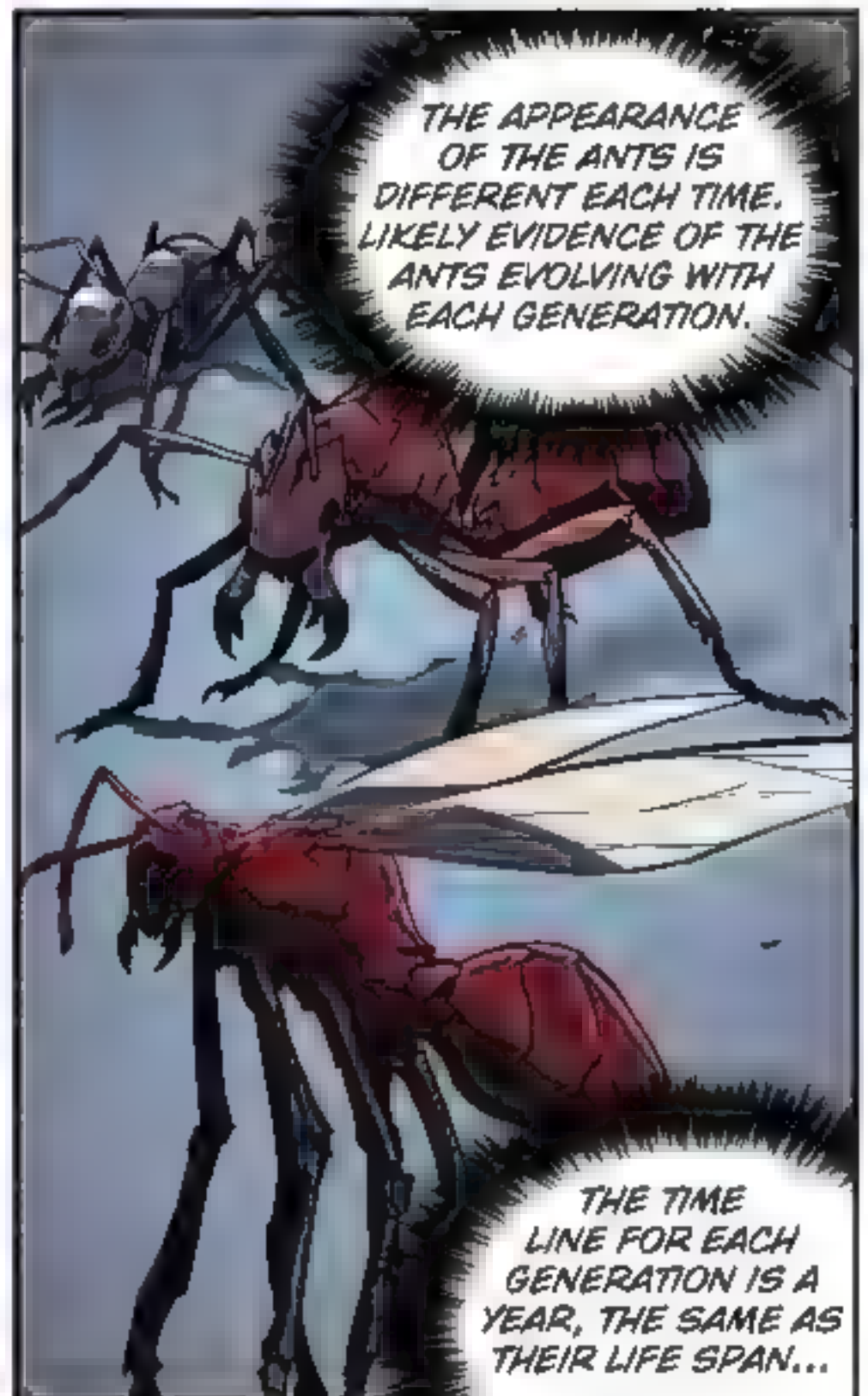
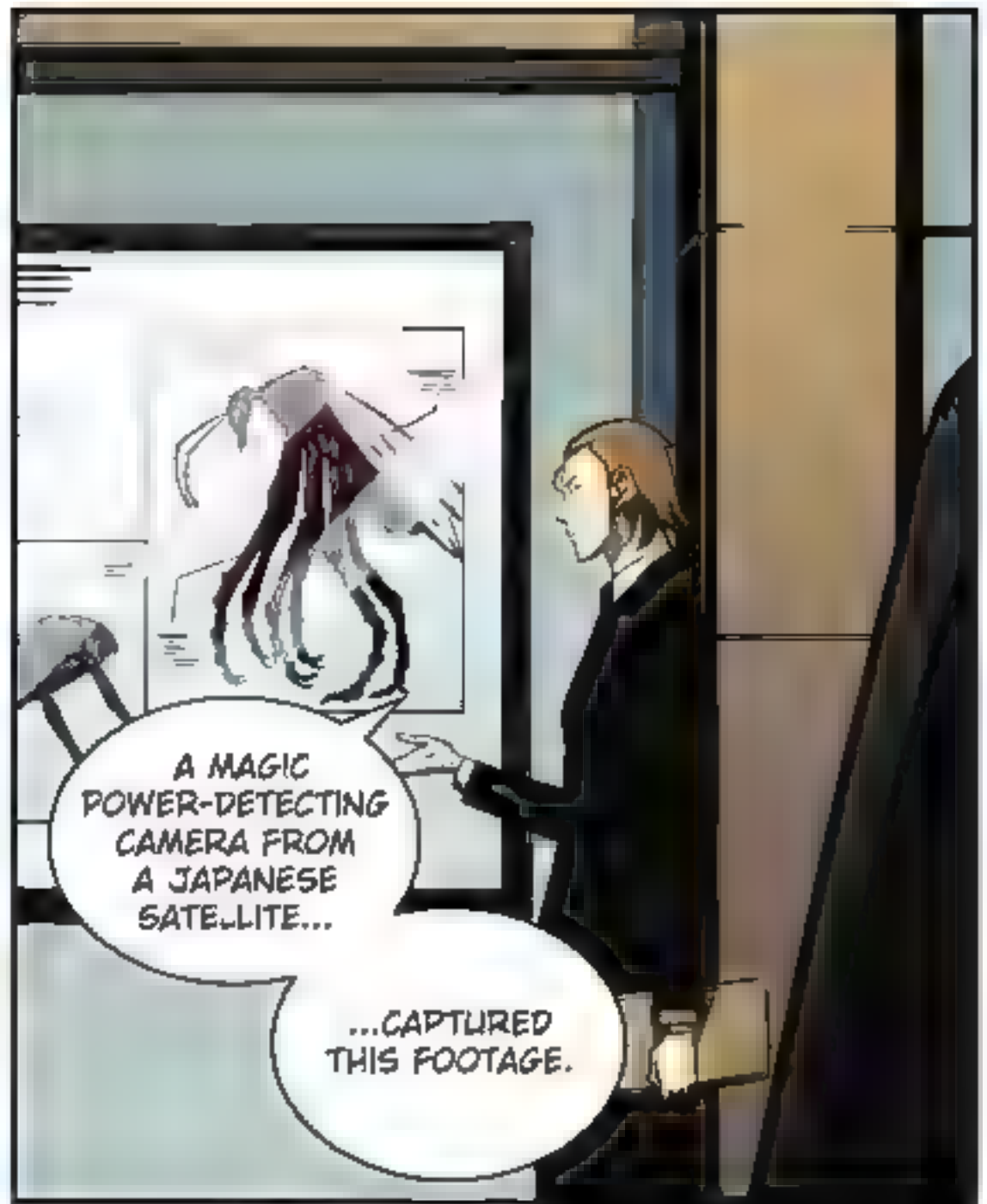
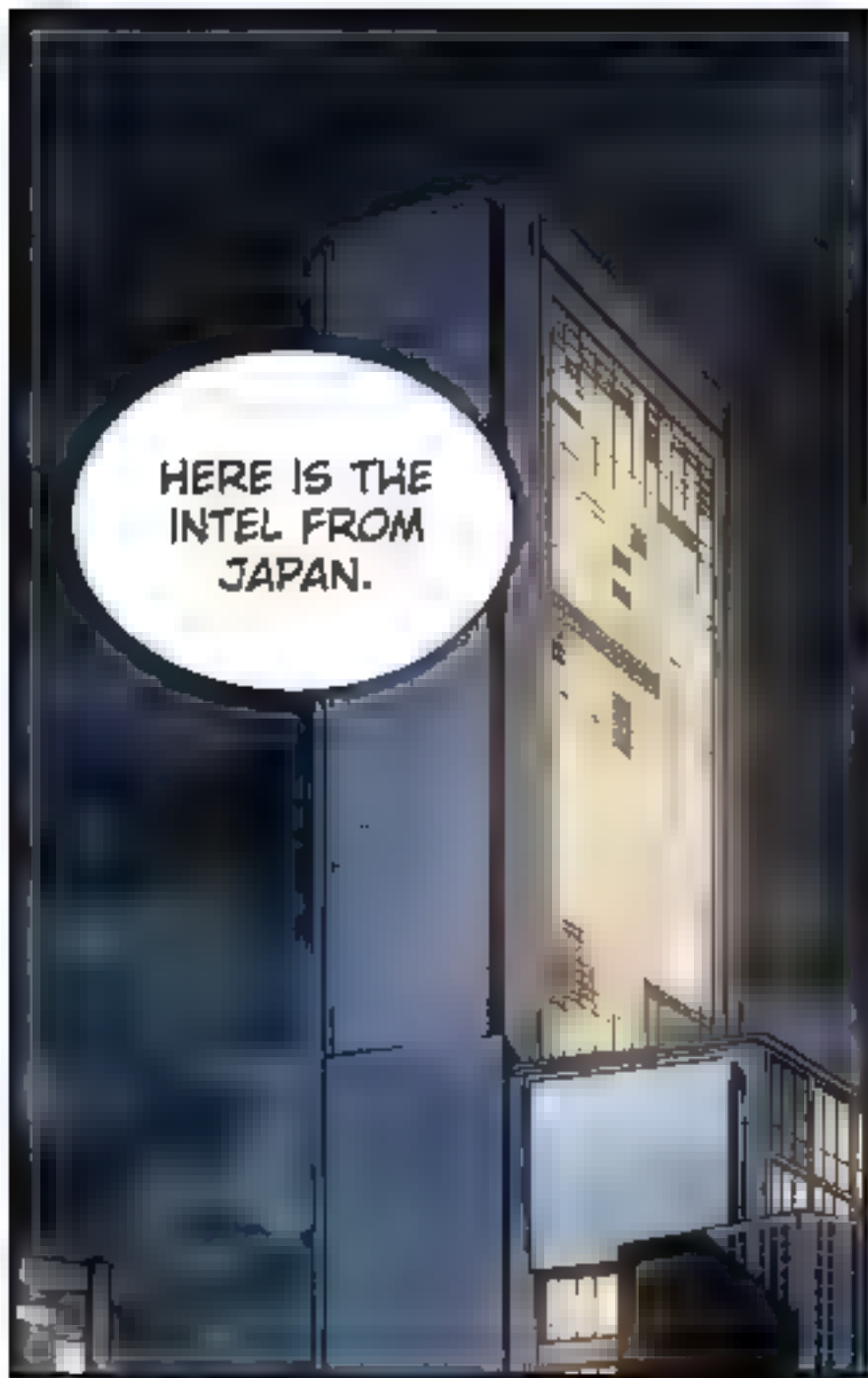
THAT'S TOO FAR FOR A PARTY.

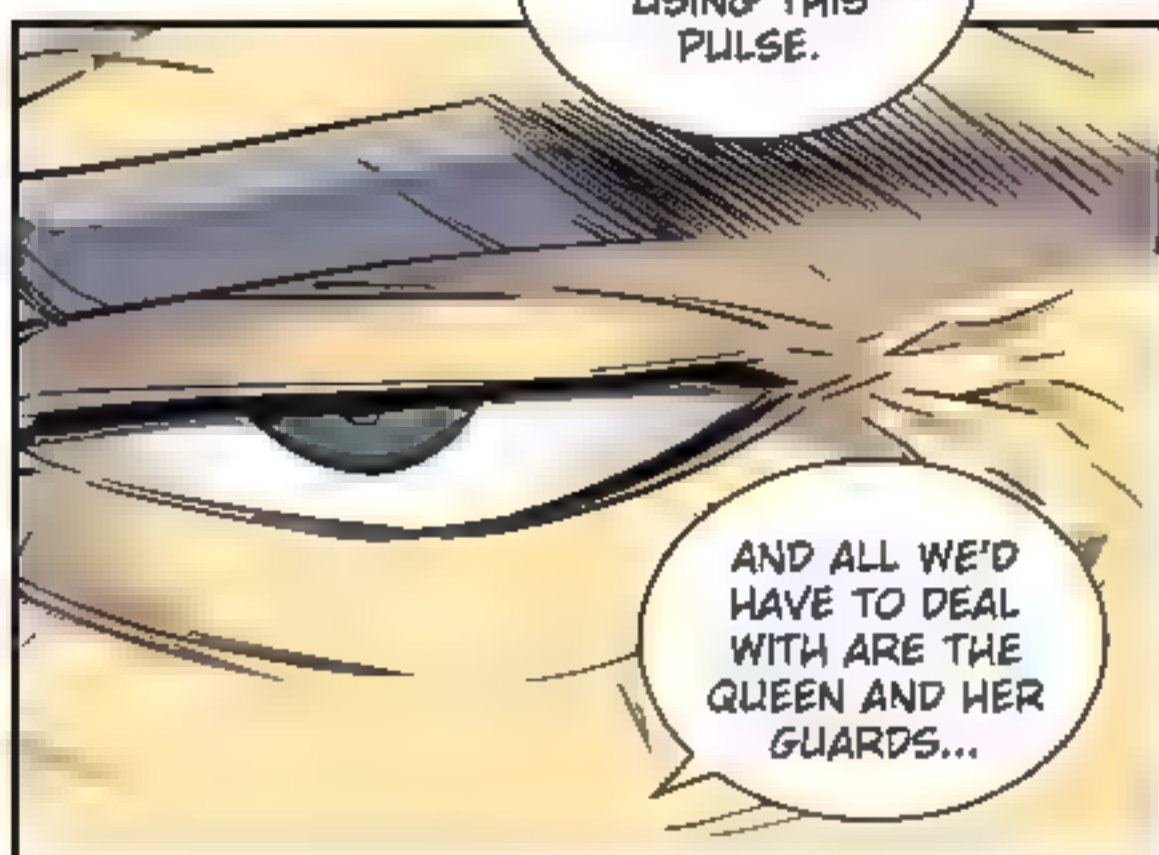
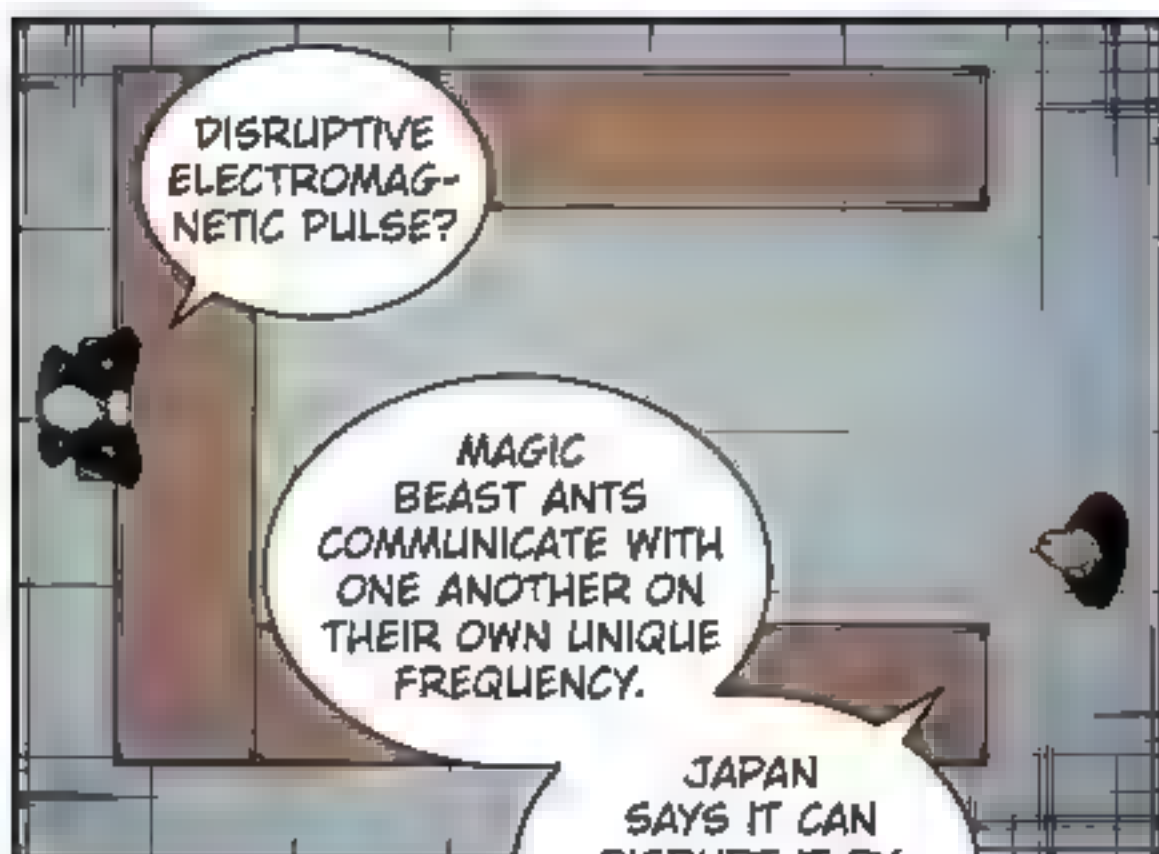
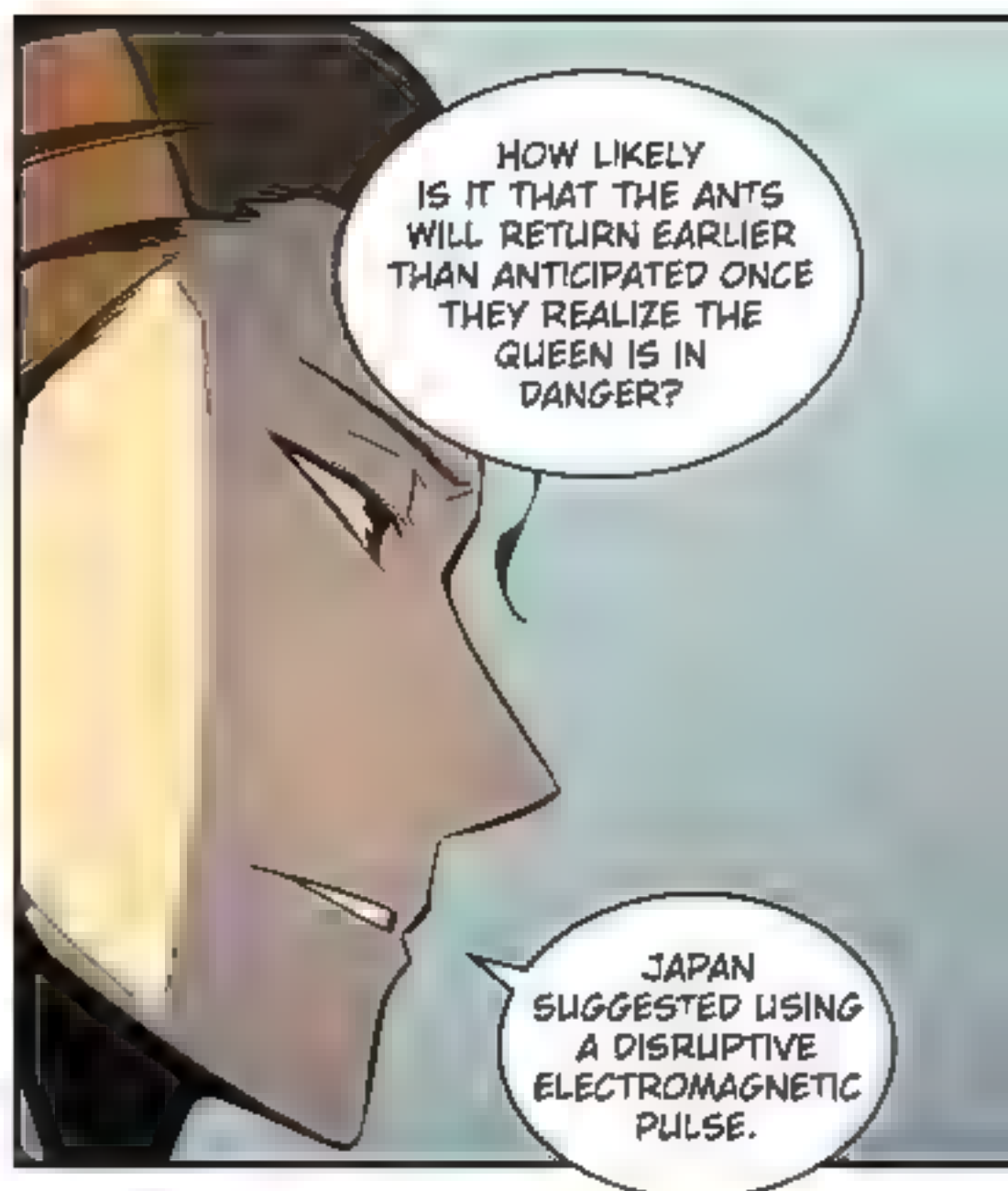


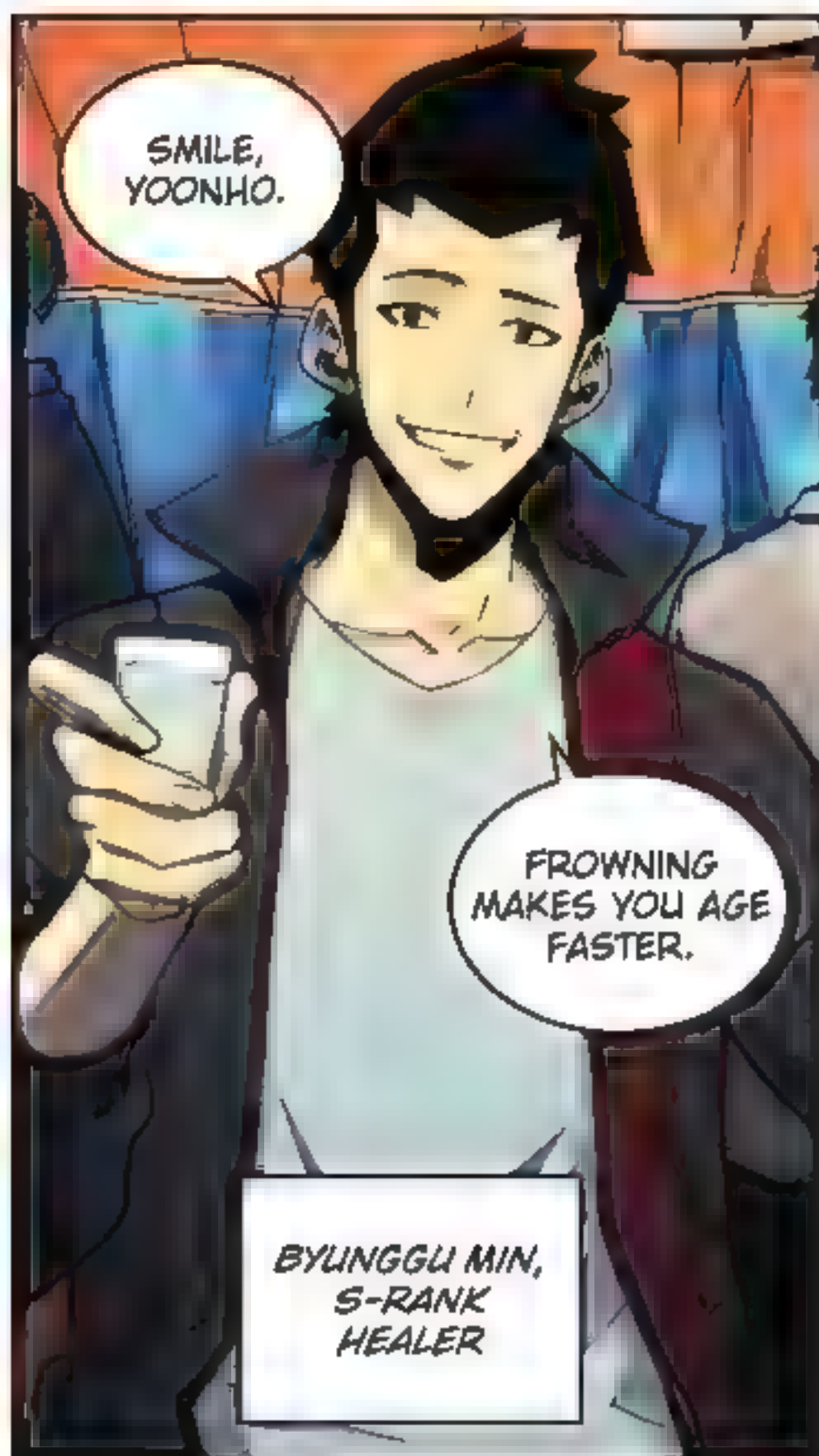
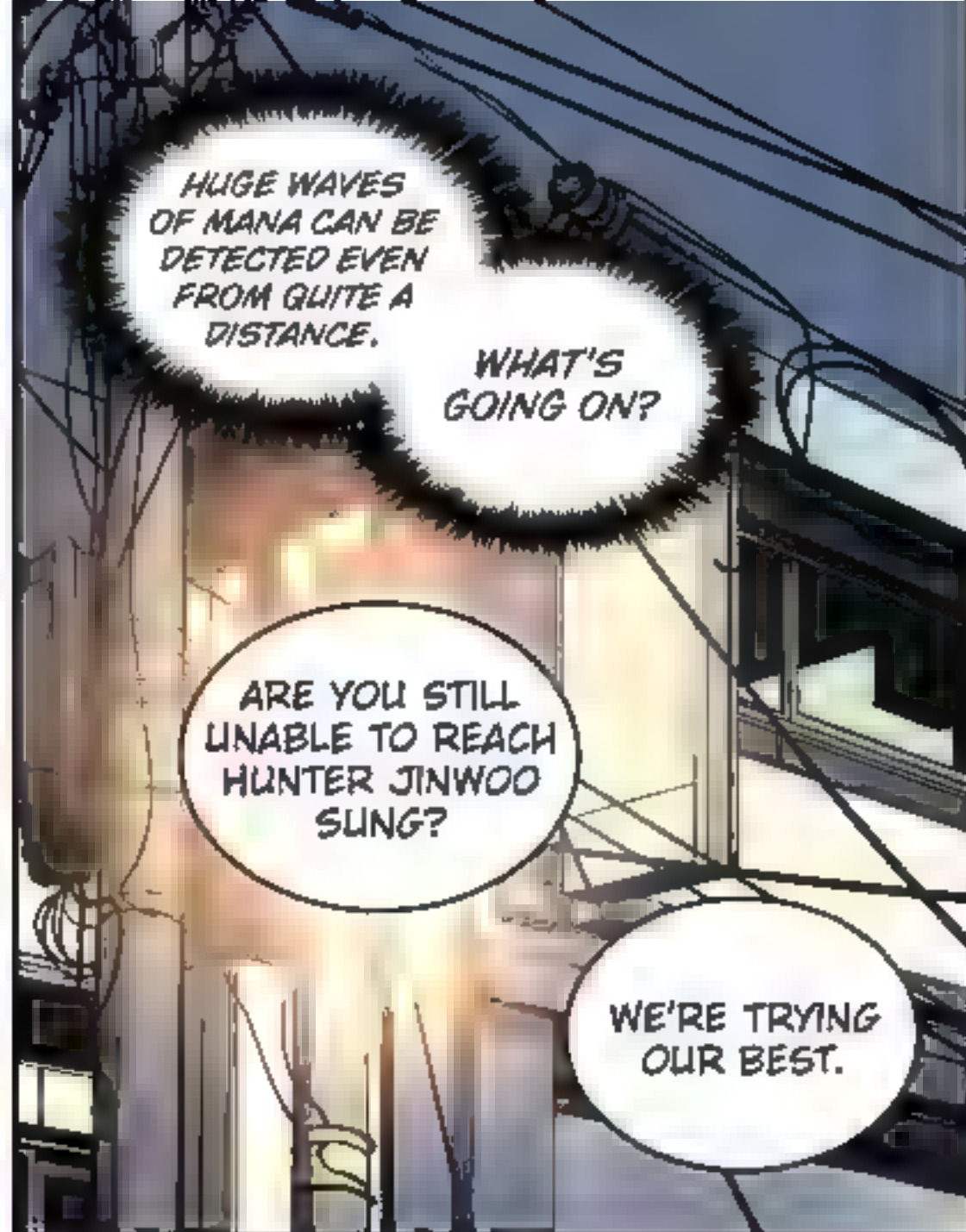
SEE YOU NEXT TIME.











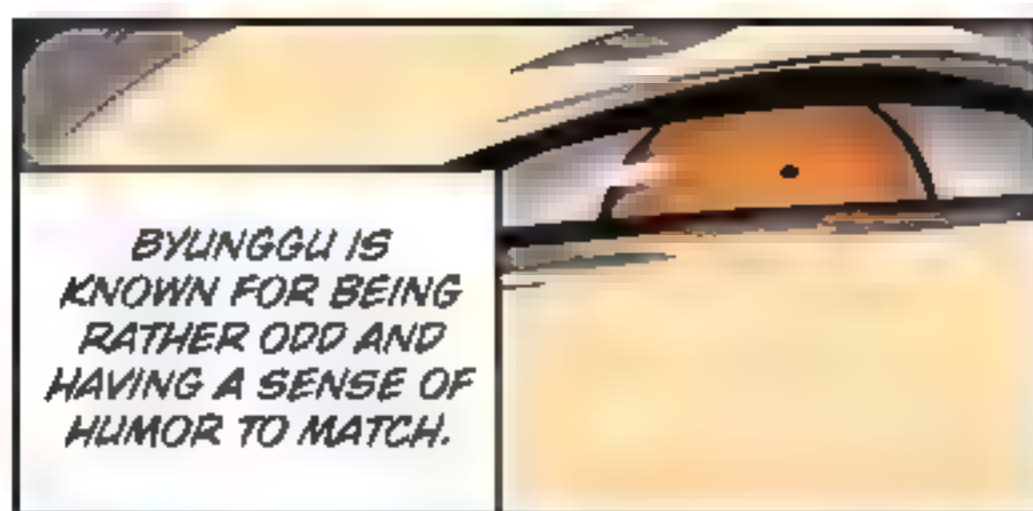


WANNA HEAR
A FUNNY STORY,
YOONHO?



NOPE.

OKAY.



BYUNGGU IS
KNOWN FOR BEING
RATHER ODD AND
HAVING A SENSE OF
HUMOR TO MATCH.

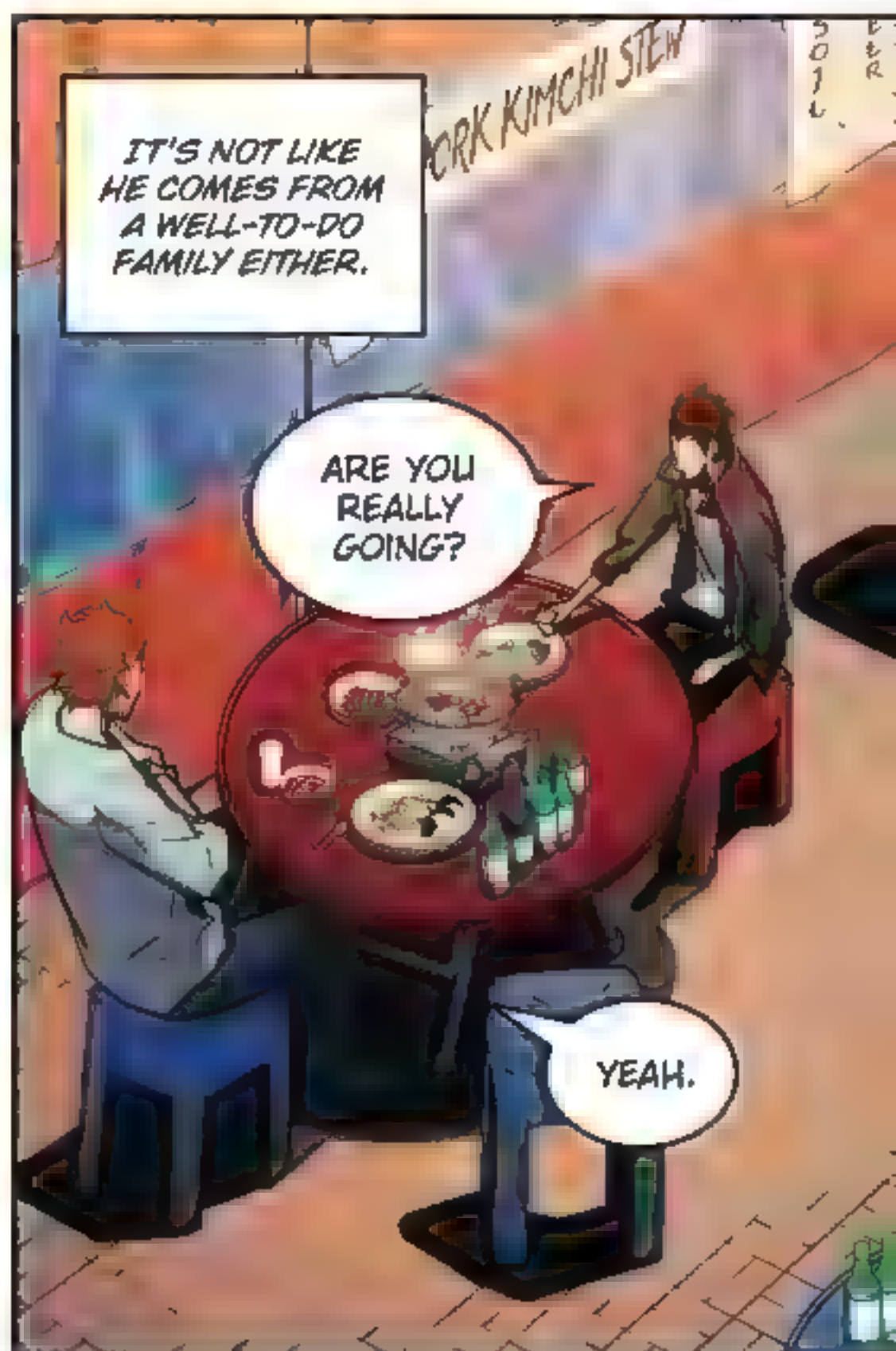


HE'S PROBABLY
THE FIRST S-RANK
HUNTER IN THE
WORLD TO RETIRE
WITH ALL OF HIS
LIMBS INTACT.

NOT JUST THE
FIRST—HE'S
THE ONLY ONE
TO DO SO.

AHH...

CONSIDERING HOW MUCH
MONEY AN S-RANK CAN
EARN, ONE WOULD BE
HARD-PRESSED TO FIND
ANOTHER HUNTER WHO'D
QUIT JUST BECAUSE
THEY DON'T WANT TO
CONTINUE.



IT'S NOT LIKE
HE COMES FROM
A WELL-TO-DO
FAMILY EITHER.

ARE YOU
REALLY
GOING?

YEAH.



YOU SAW
HOW EUNSUH
DIED.



ALL
THE MORE
REASON TO
GO BACK.

IF WE LET
THOSE ANTS BE,
SOON THE WHOLE
OF KOREA WILL
BE INFESTED.

SINCE WHEN
ARE YOU SUCH A
PATRIOT...?



I'M MAKING UP
A COOL EXCUSE,
SINCE I HAVE TO
GO ANYWAY.

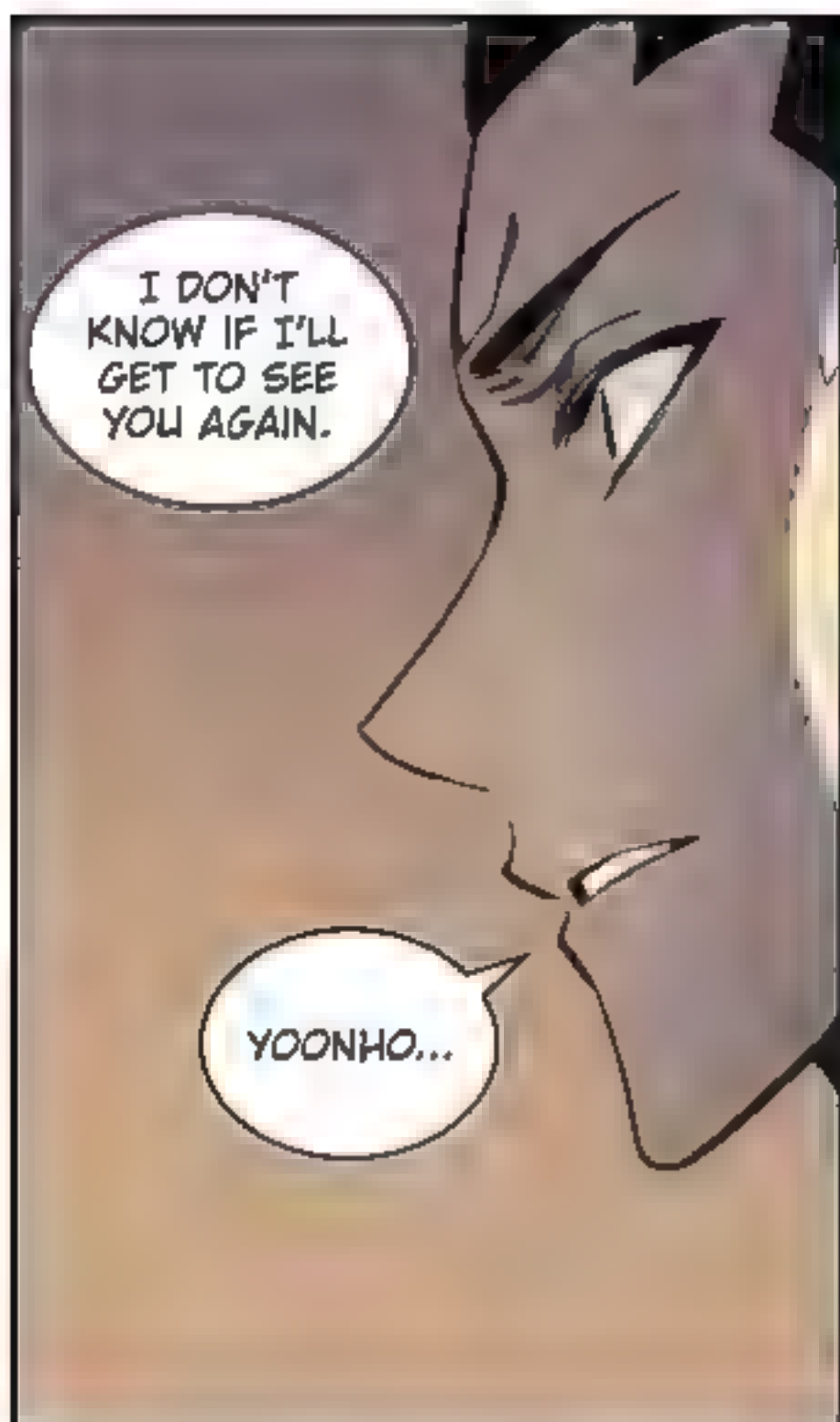
KLAK

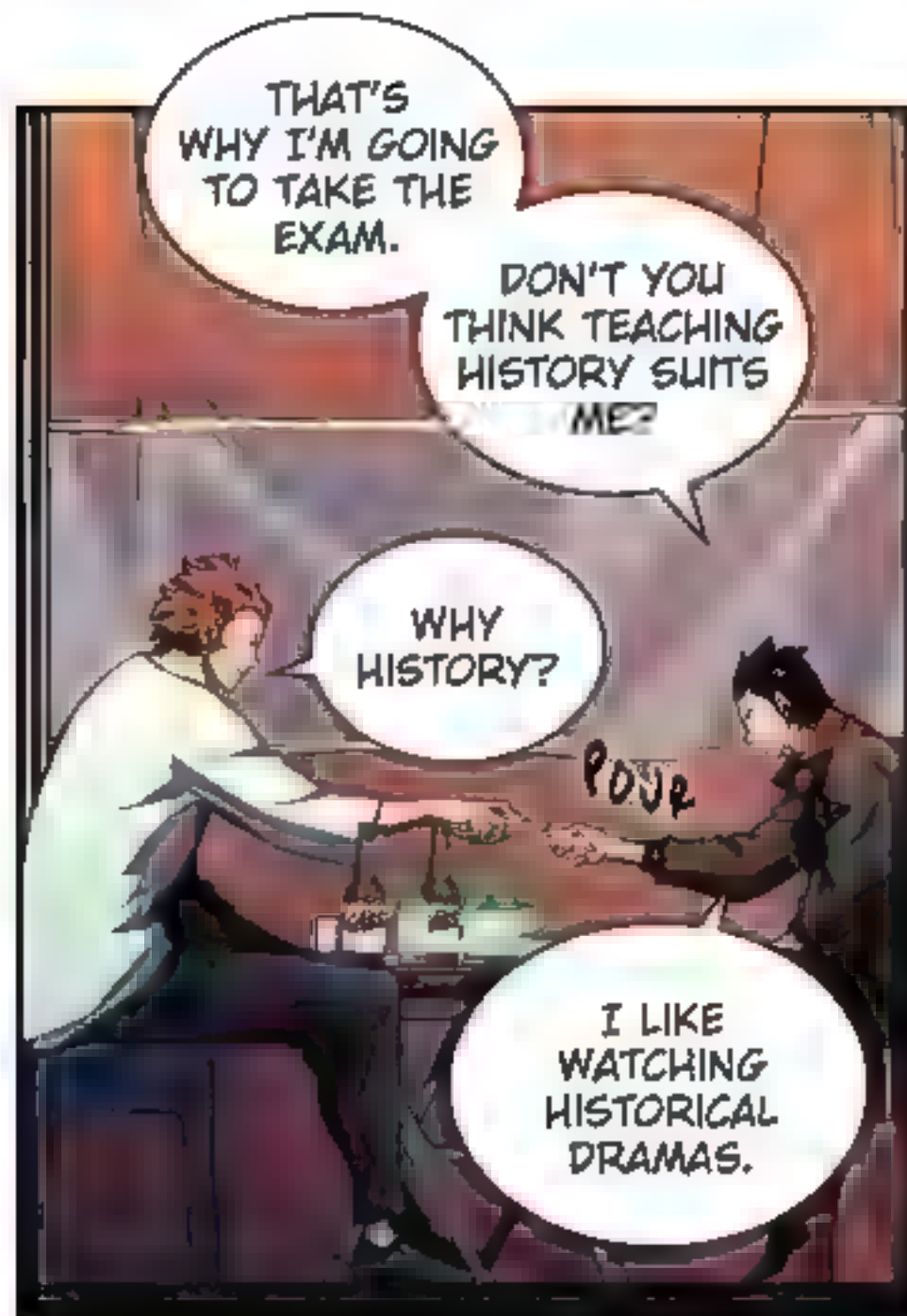


I'M NOT
JOINING. I
REFUSE TO.

IF
YOU'RE HERE
TO PERSUADE
ME, YOU'RE
WAST—

NO, THAT'S
NOT IT. I'M
HERE TO SAY
GOOD-BYE, JUST
IN CASE.





THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TAKE THE EXAM.

DON'T YOU THINK TEACHING HISTORY SUITS ME?

WHY HISTORY?

I LIKE WATCHING HISTORICAL DRAMAS.

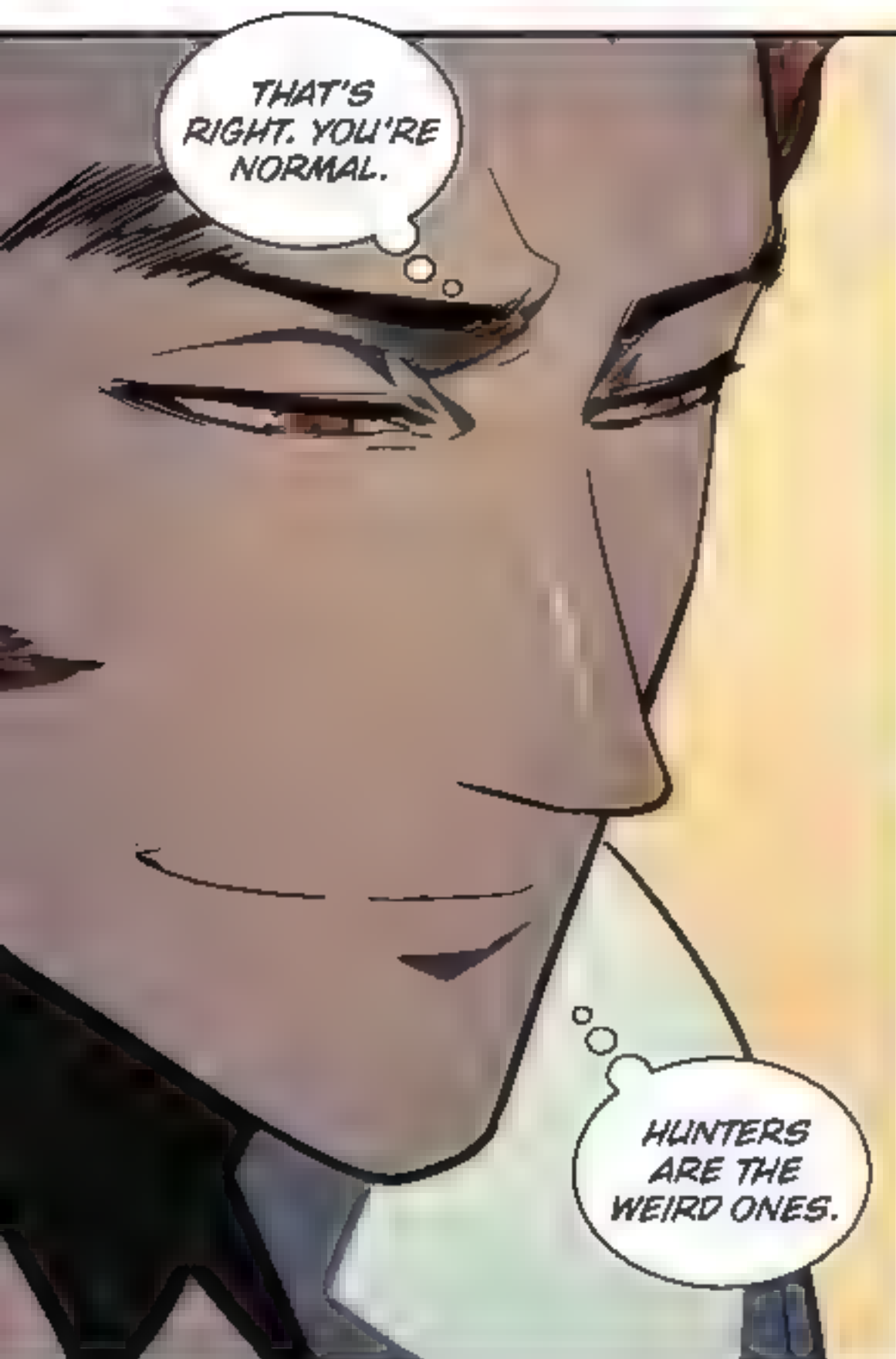
POUR



WEIRDO.

I'M NOT WEIRD.

I JUST WISH THAT WAR ONLY EXISTED IN THE PAST.



THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE NORMAL.

HUNTERS ARE THE WEIRD ONES.



IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S NOT EASY TO FIND A HUNTER WHO DOESN'T LIKE FIGHTING MAGIC BEASTS.

SOME HEALERS DON'T, BUT THEY DO LOVE HEALING OTHERS, SO...



IS HAVING A PERSONALITY THAT ENJOYS FIGHTING A CONDITION OF BECOMING AN AWAKENED BEING?

NO WAY.

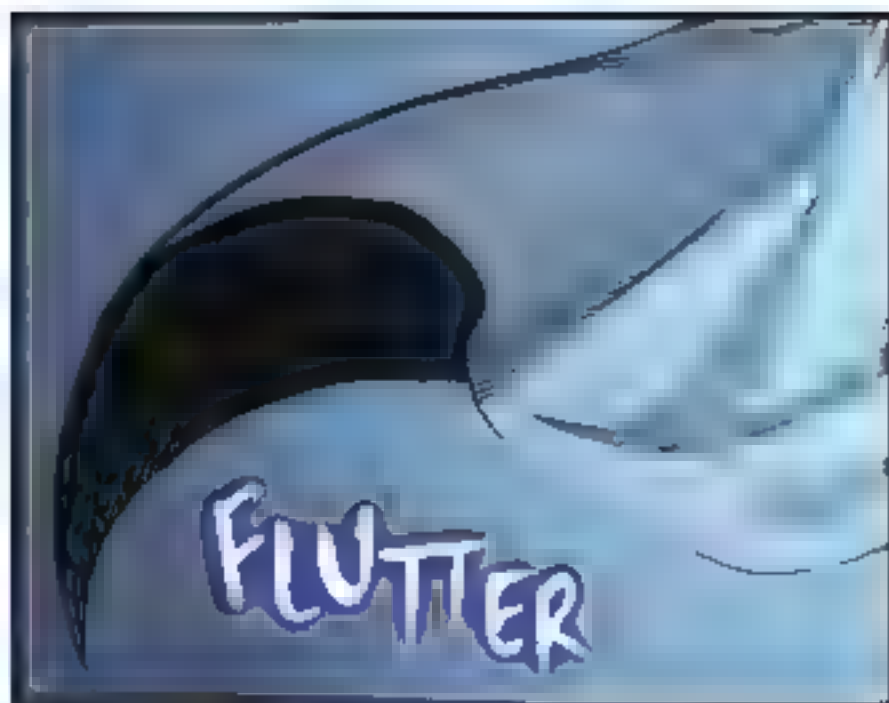
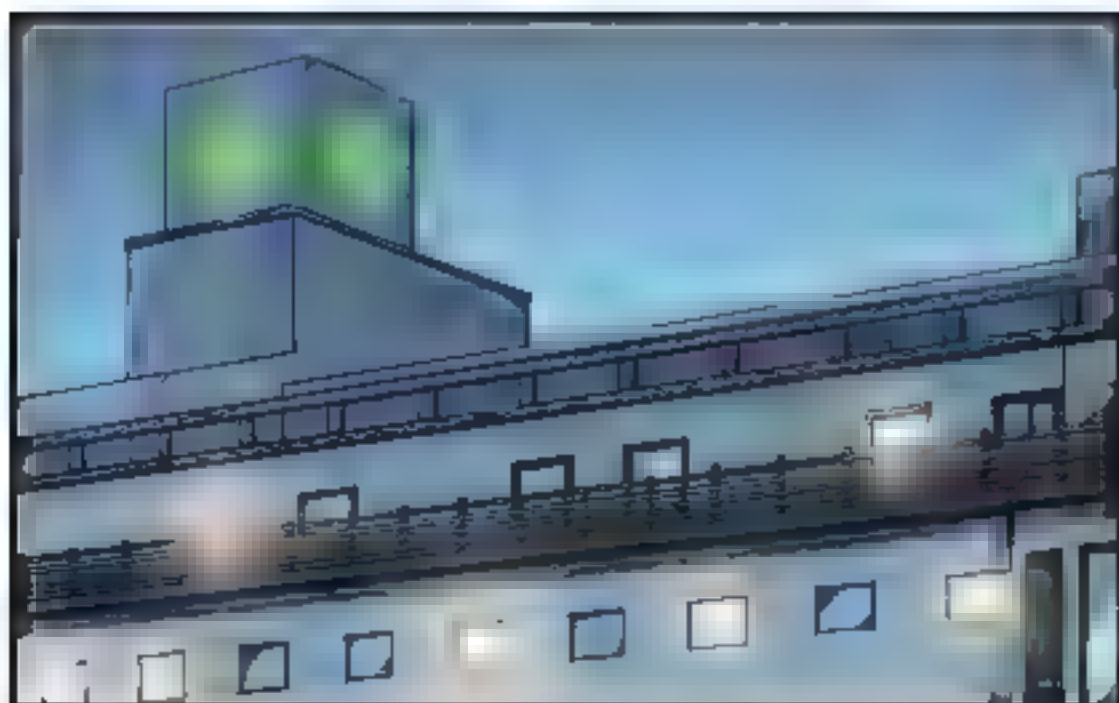
TAKE ANOTHER SHOT.

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

CHAPTER 16

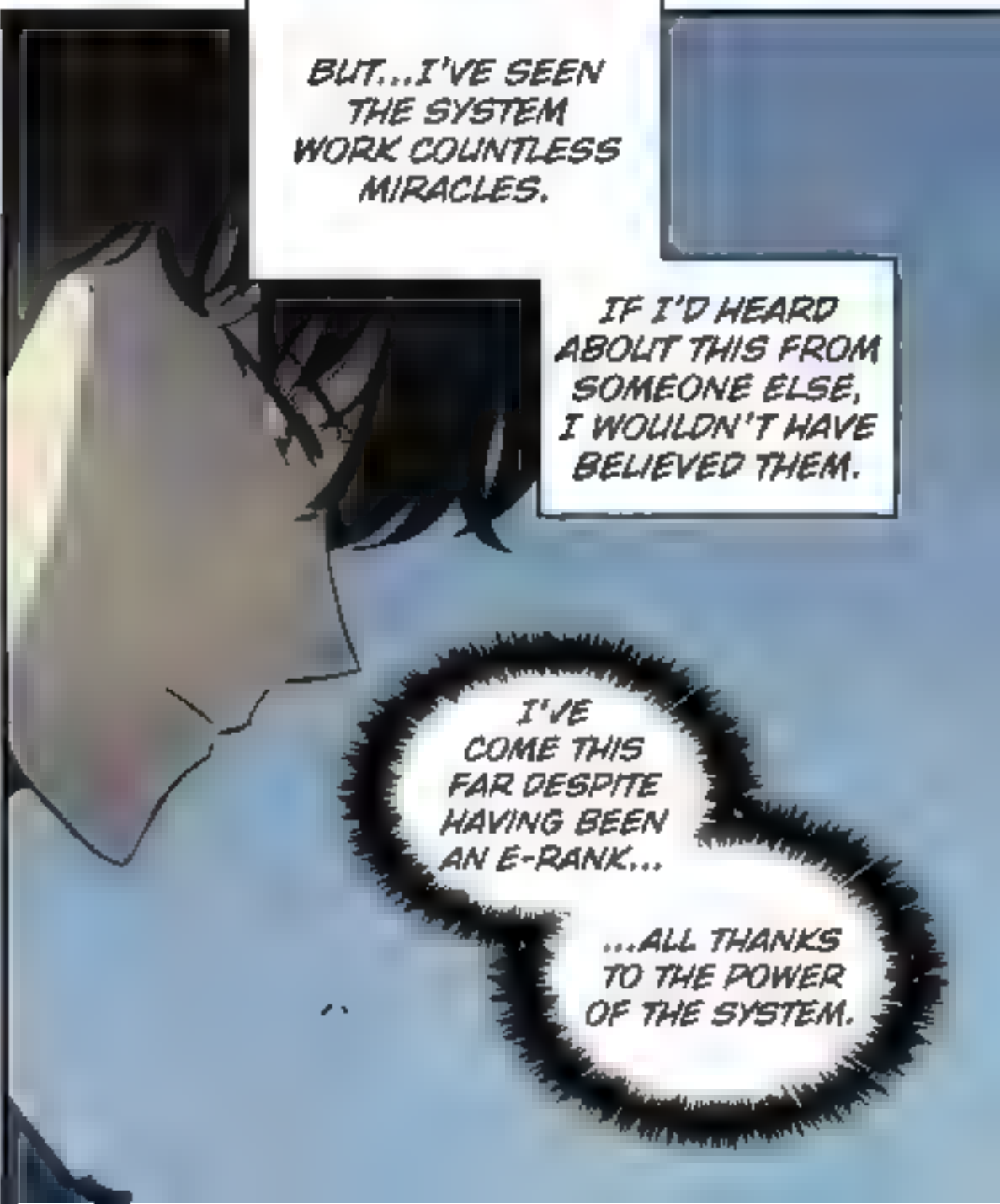
Showdown of
the S-ranks

Solo
Leveling



THERE'S NO
TELLING IF SHE'LL
EVEN BE ABLE
TO SWALLOW THE
ELIXIR OF LIFE...

...NOR IS THERE
ANY GUARANTEE
SHE'LL BE FINE
IF SHE DOES.

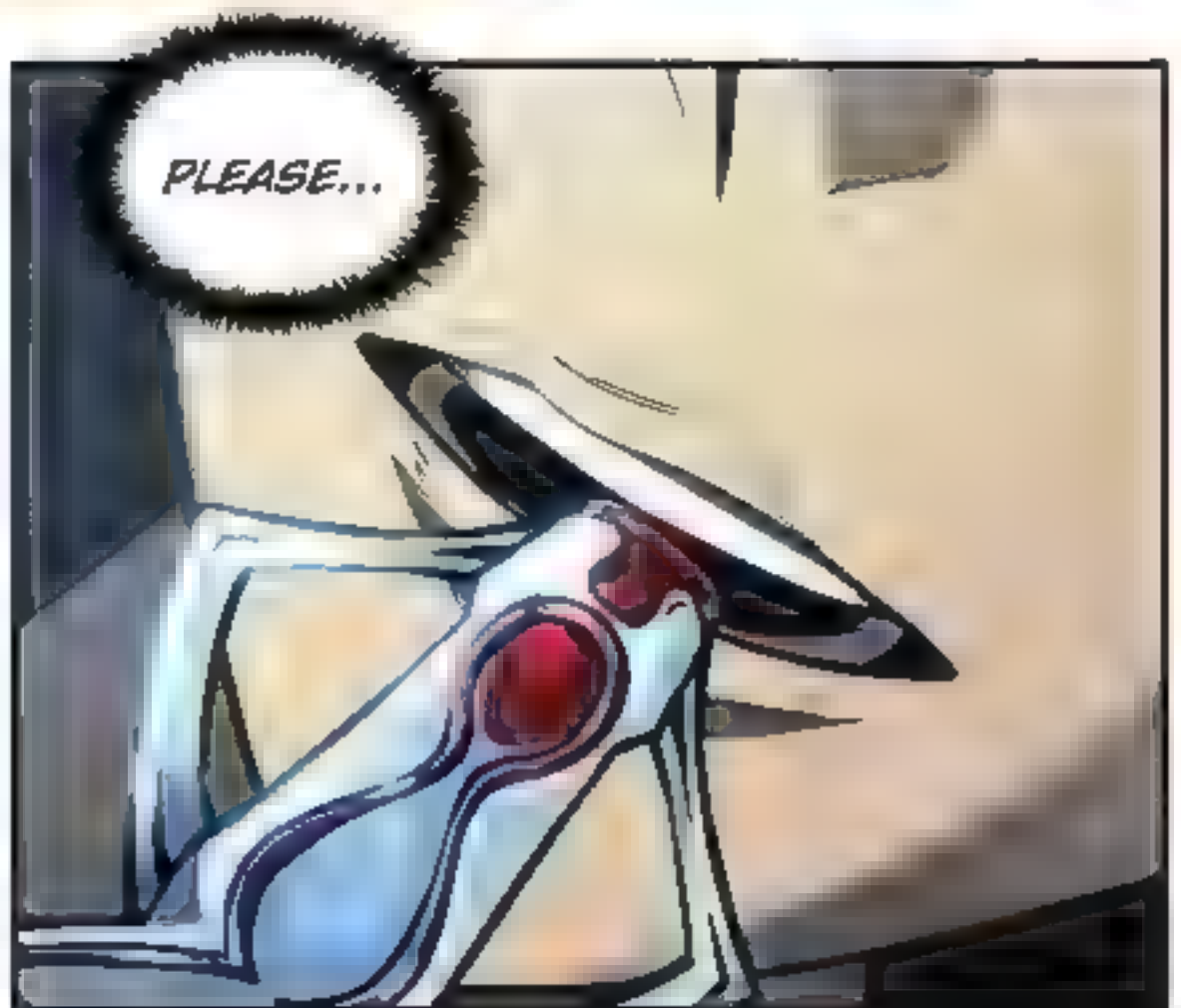
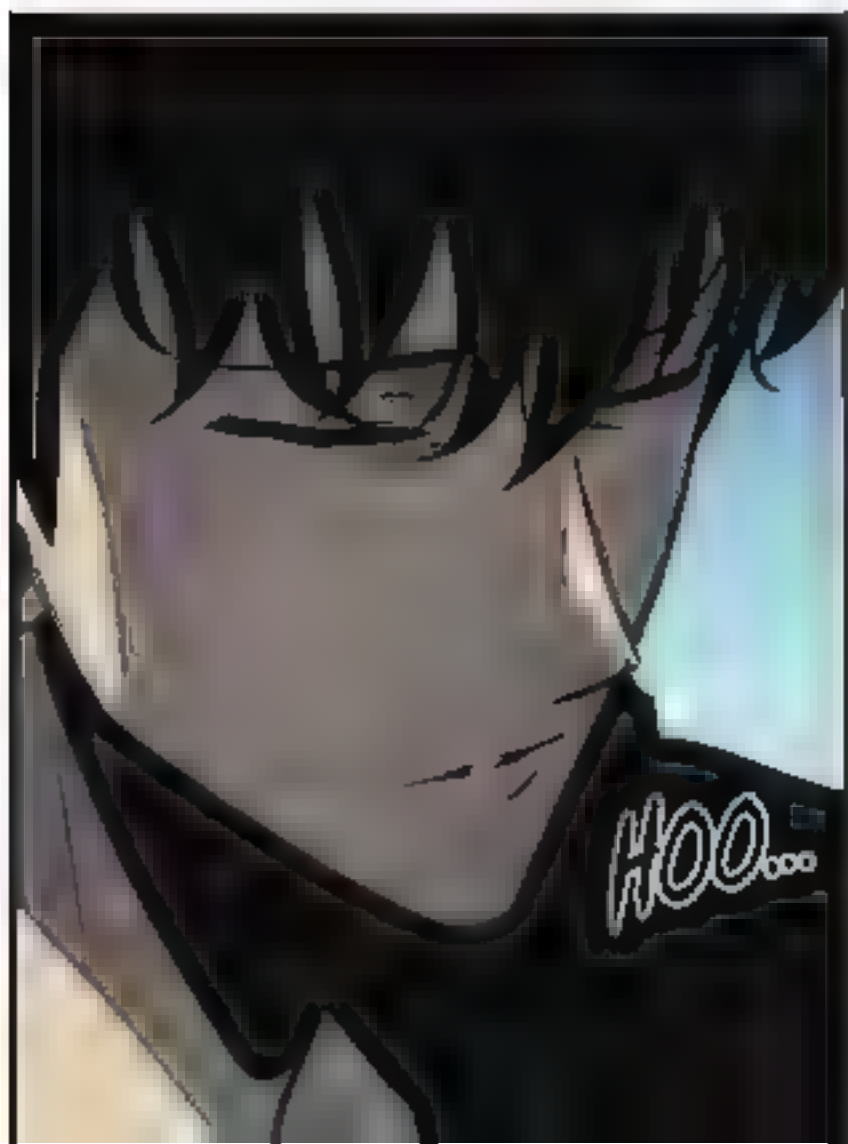
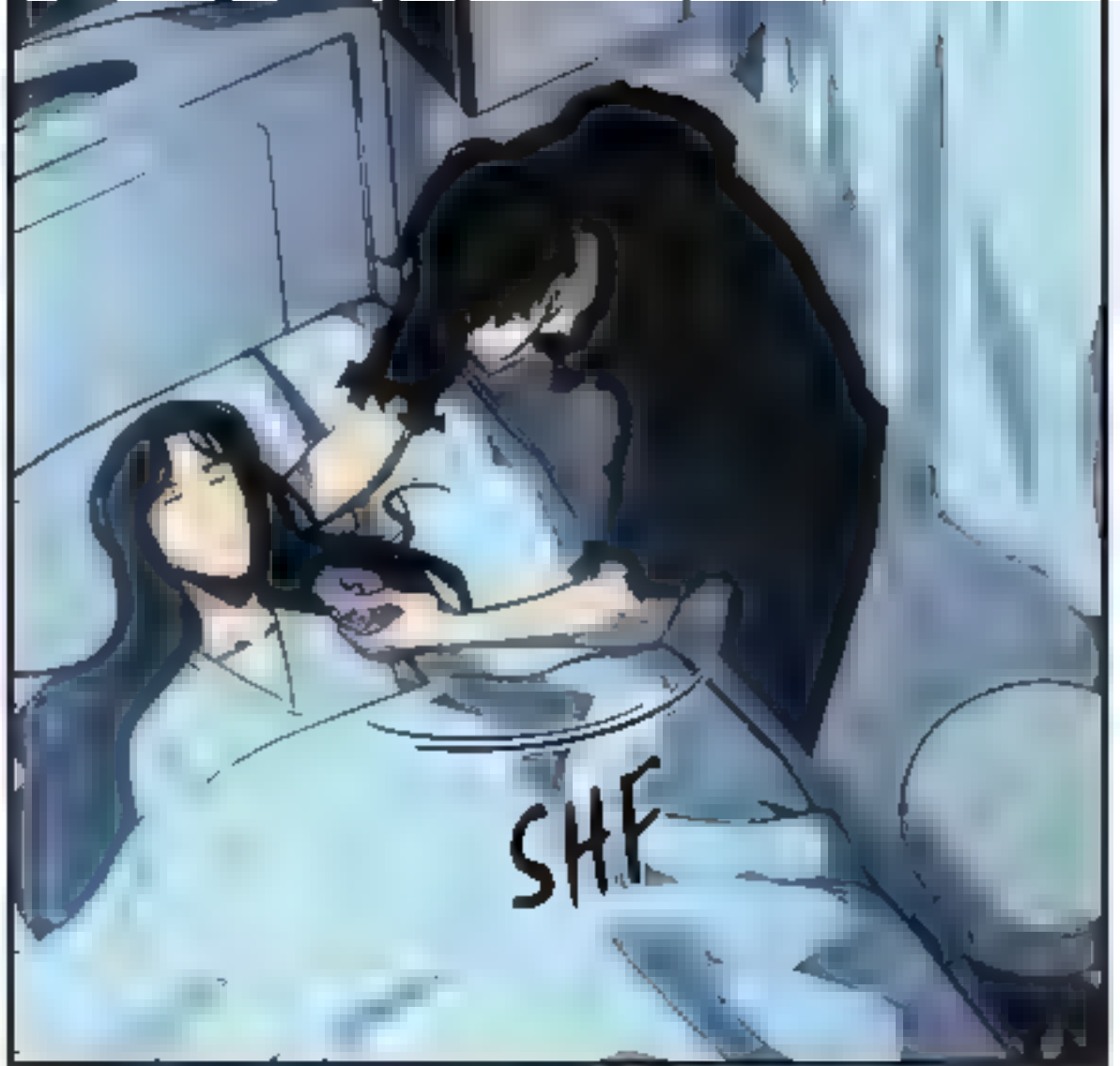
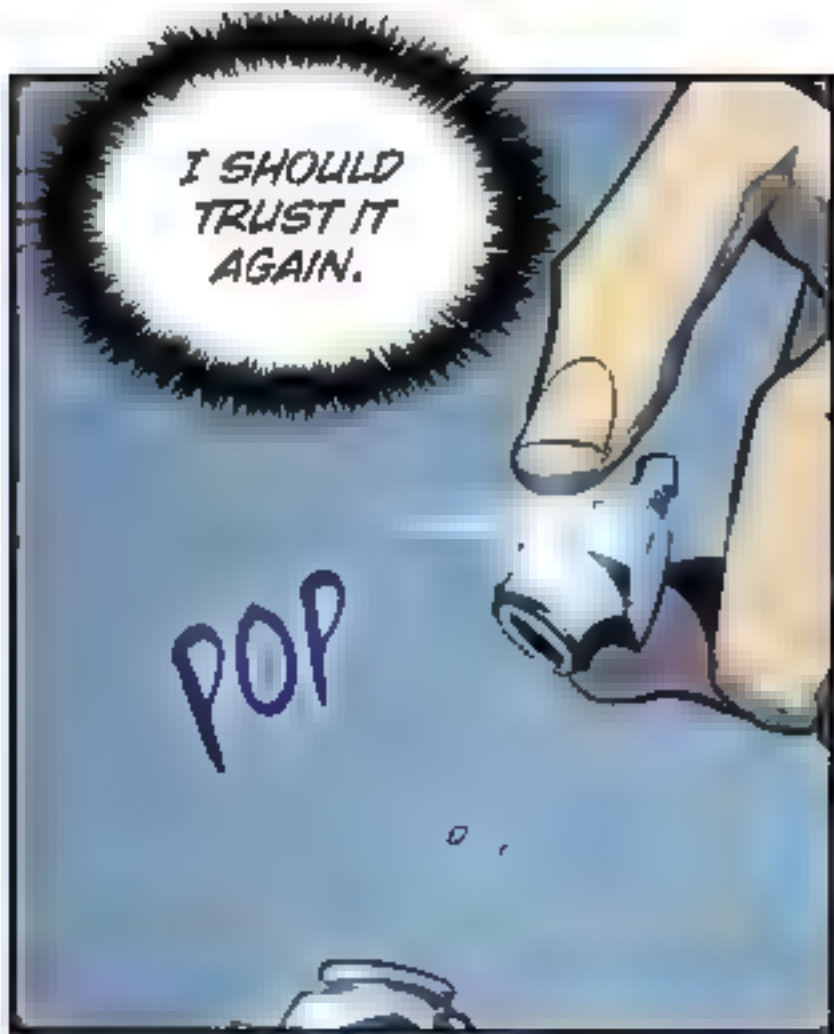


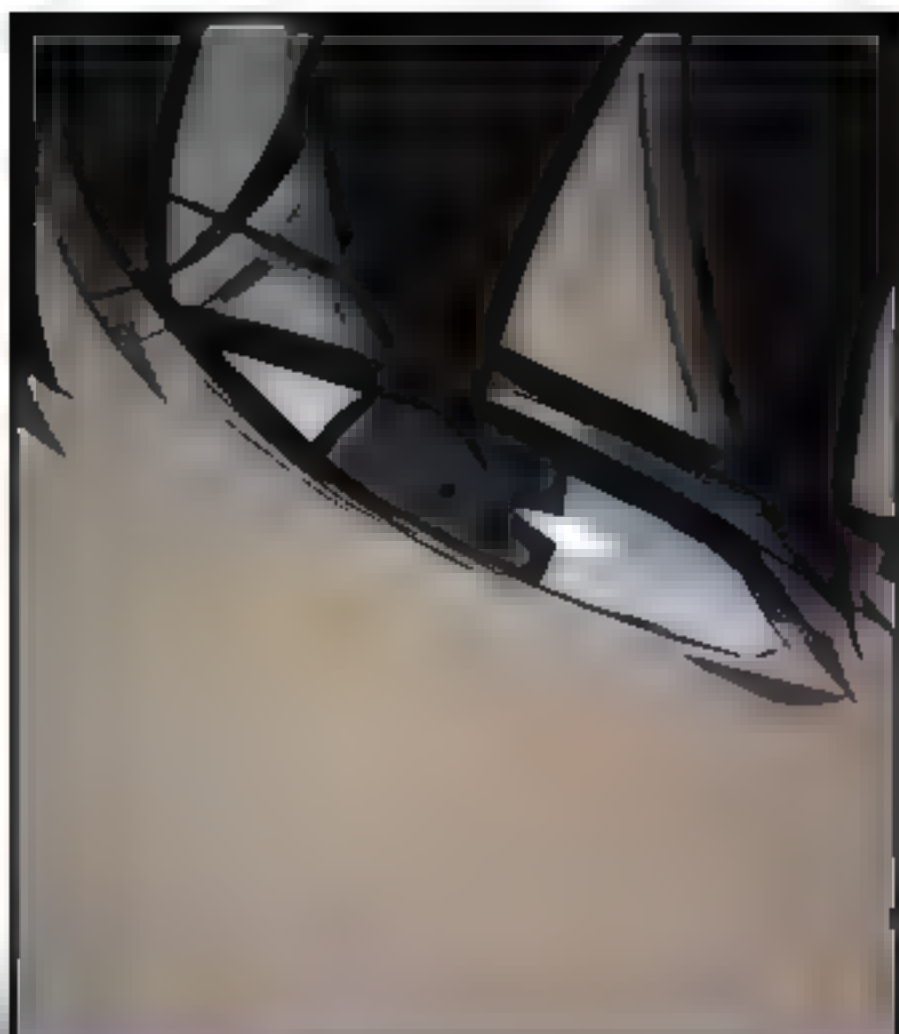
BUT...I'VE SEEN
THE SYSTEM
WORK COUNTLESS
MIRACLES.

IF I'D HEARD
ABOUT THIS FROM
SOMEONE ELSE,
I WOULDN'T HAVE
BELIEVED THEM.

I'VE
COME THIS
FAR DESPITE
HAVING BEEN
AN E-RANK...

...ALL THANKS
TO THE POWER
OF THE SYSTEM.



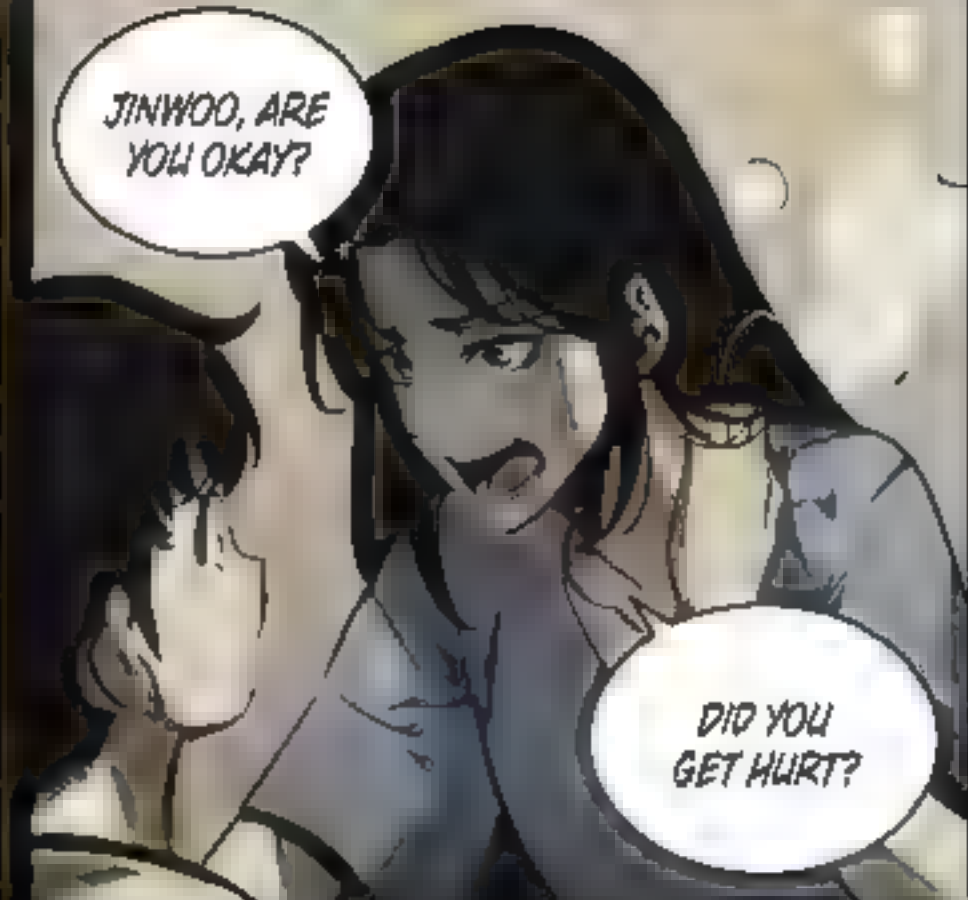


THIS
SCAR...

I JUST
WANTED TO
WASH HER
HAIR.

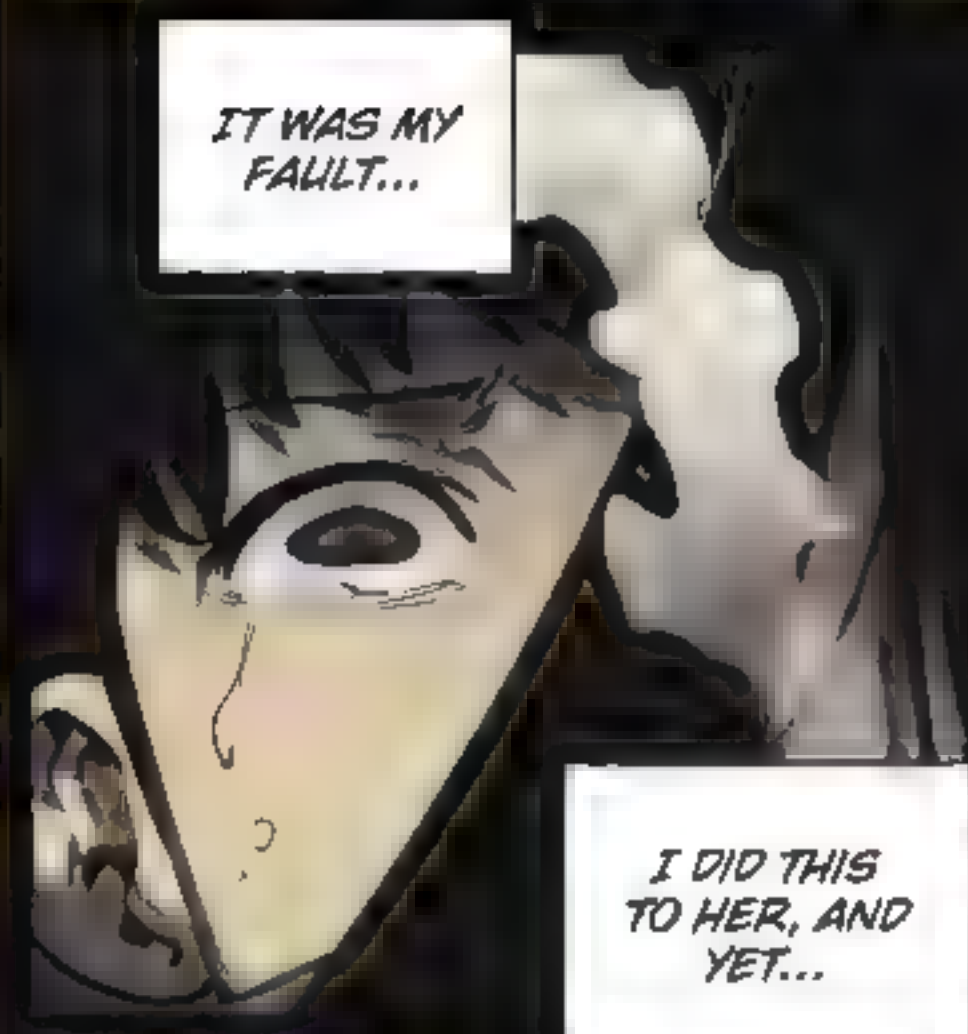


JINWOO, ARE
YOU OKAY?

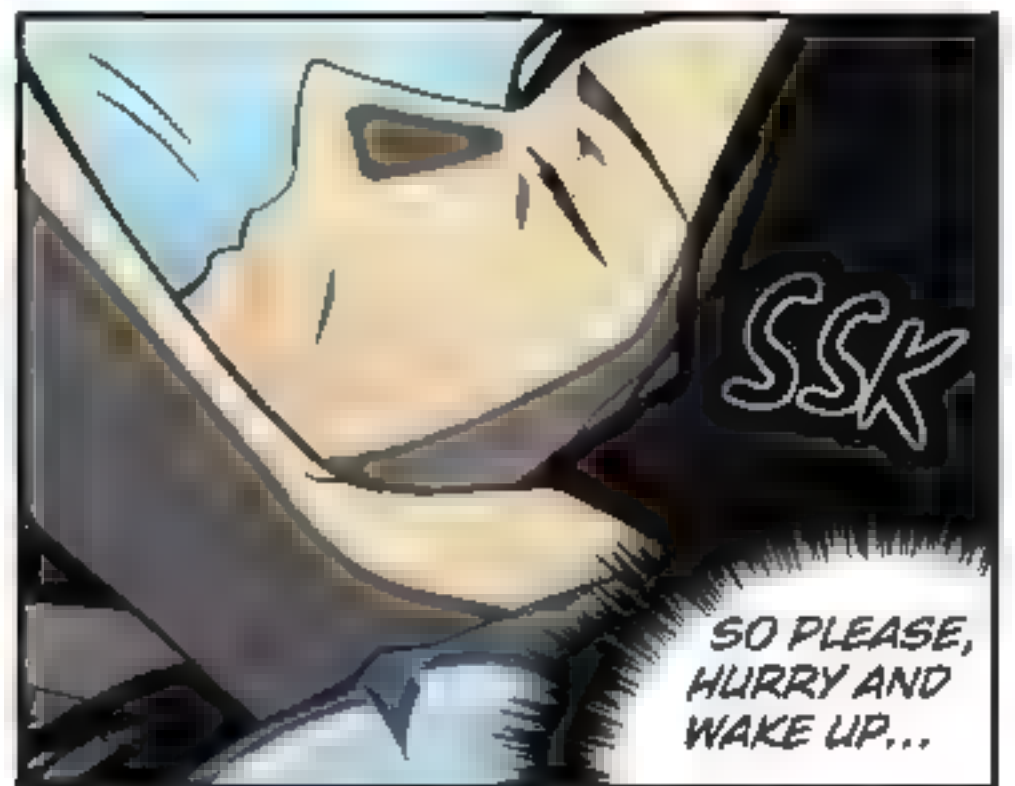


DID YOU
GET HURT?

IT WAS MY
FAULT...

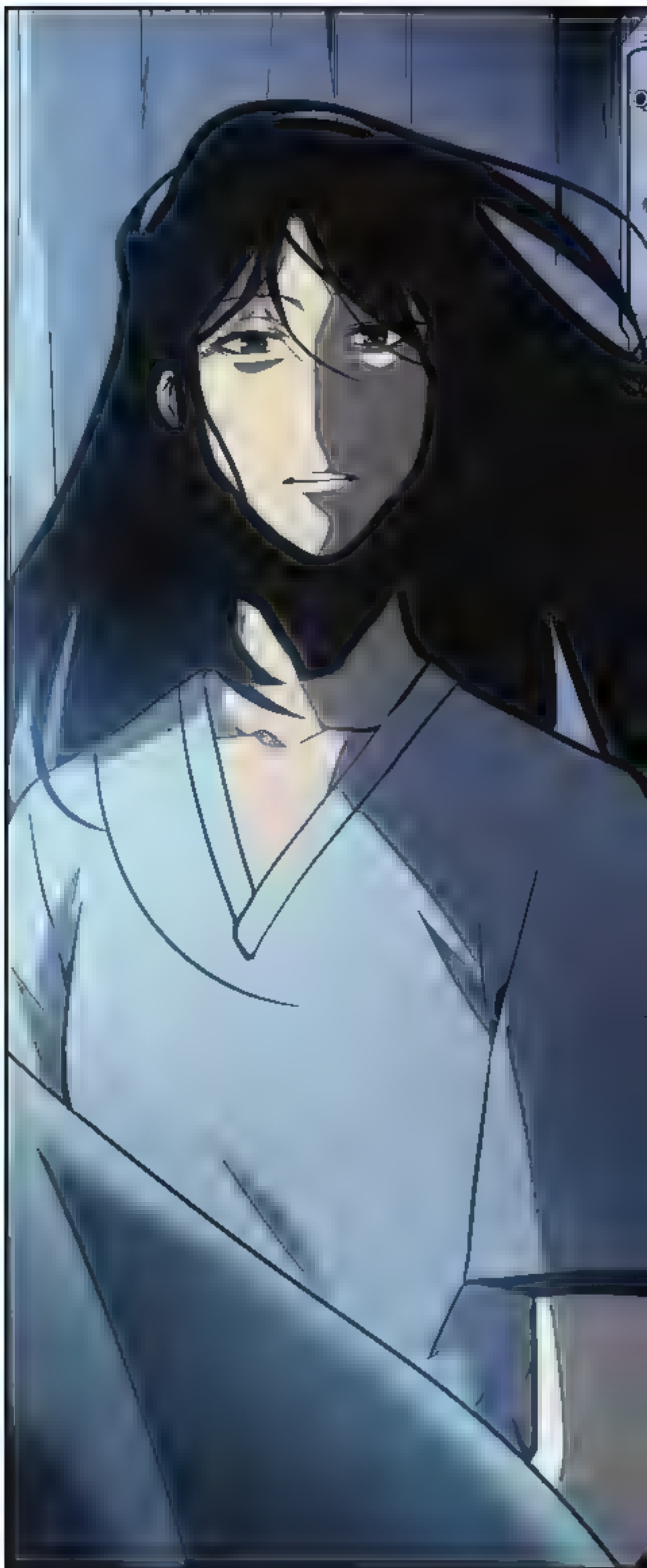
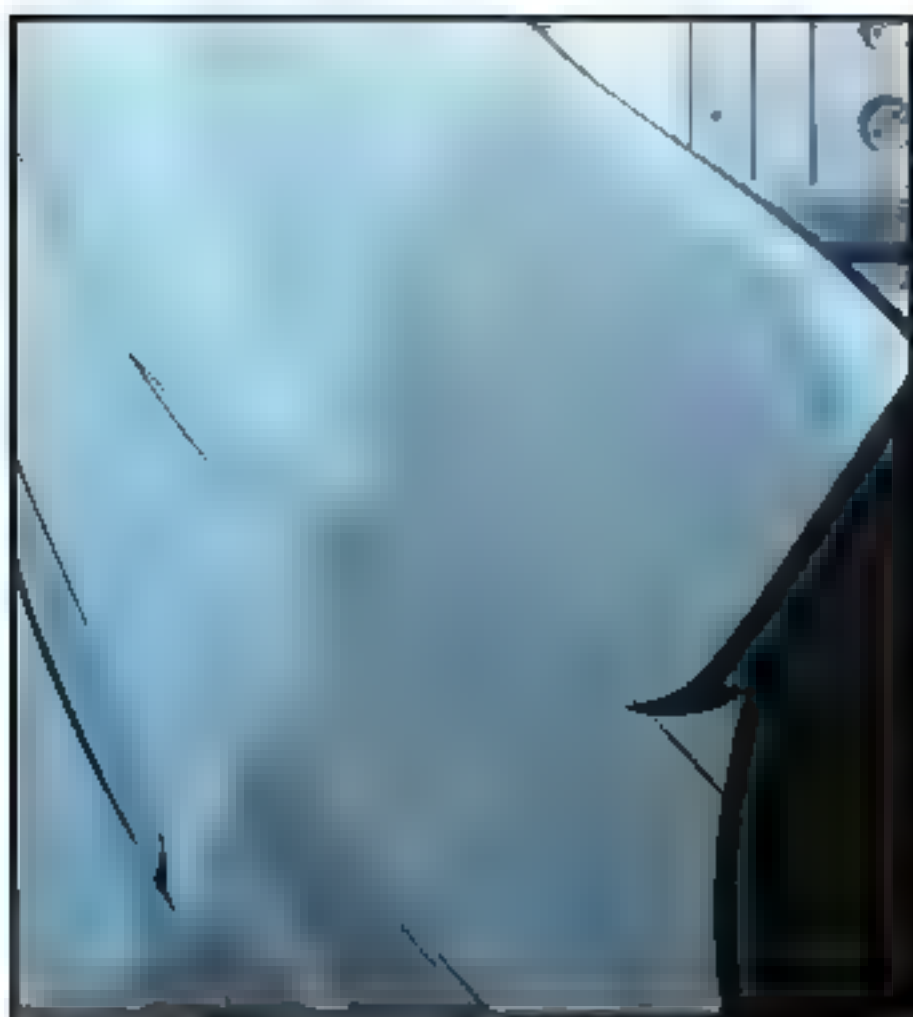
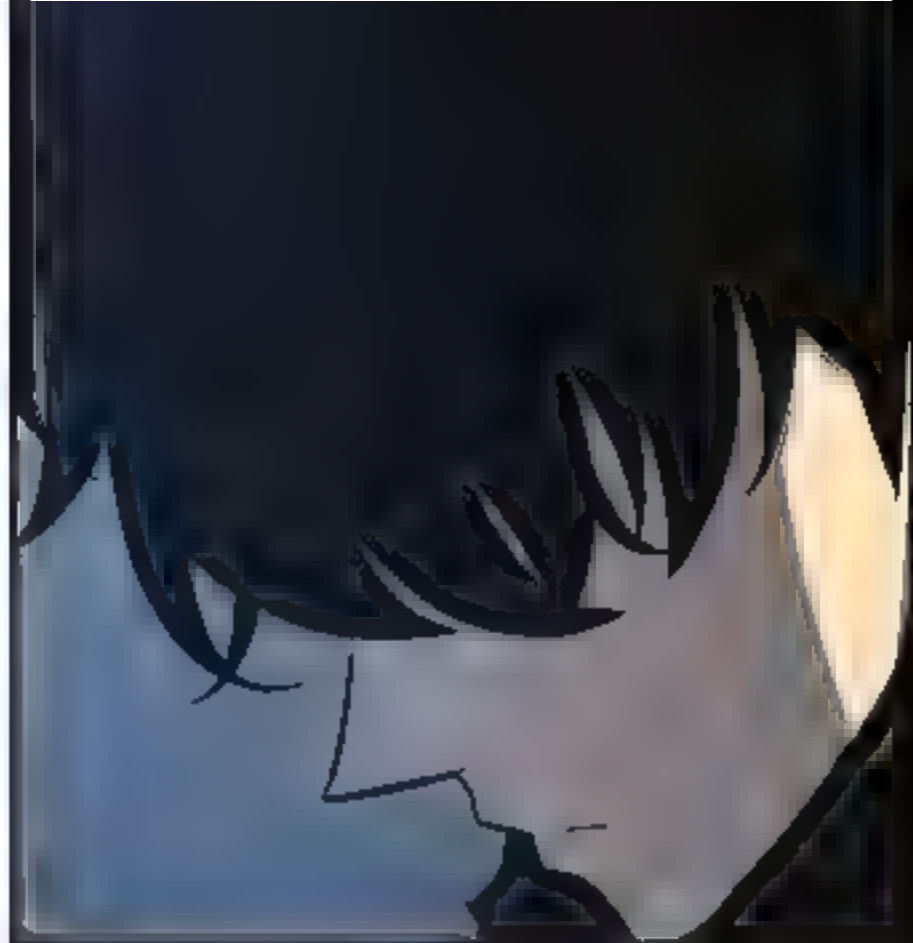


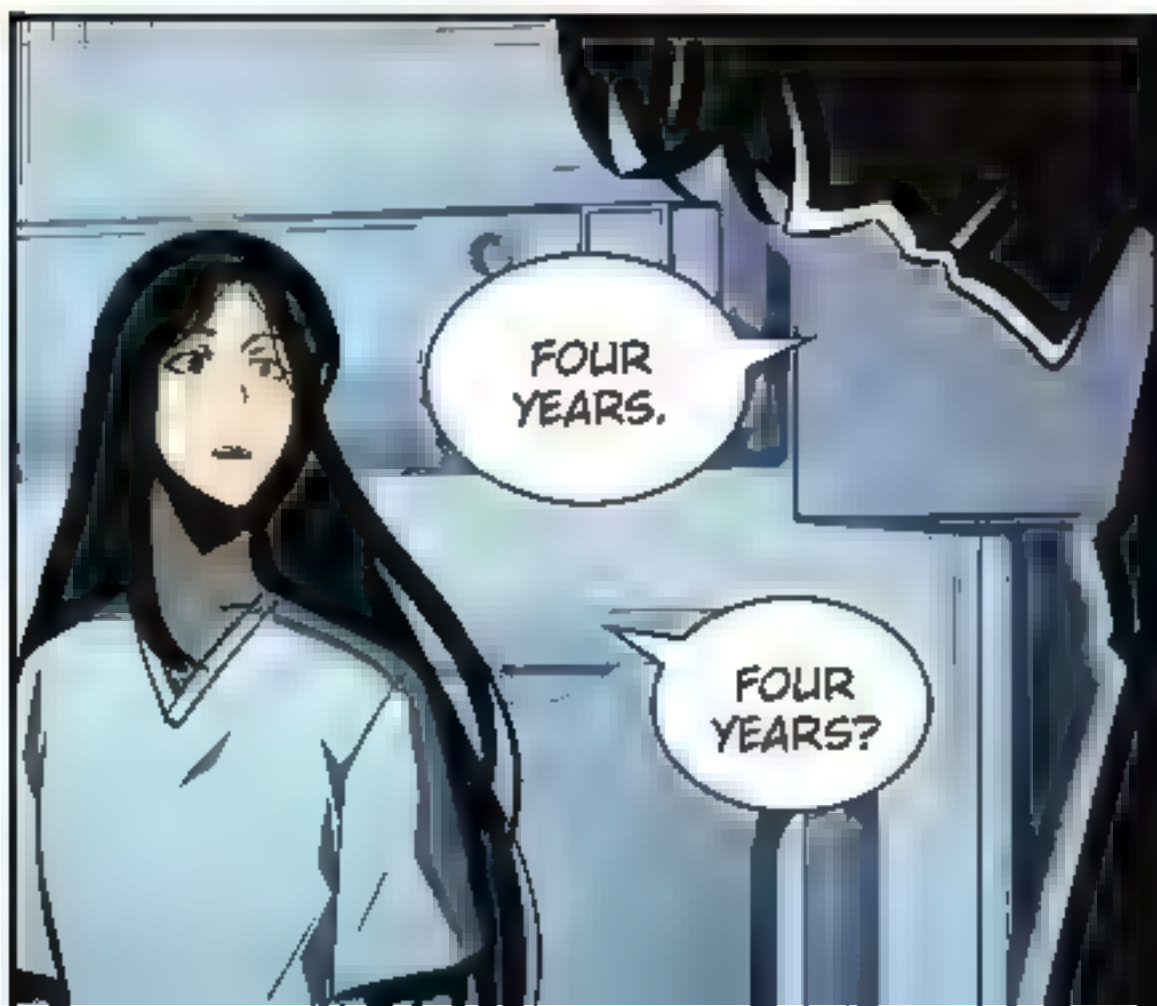
I DID THIS
TO HER, AND
YET...

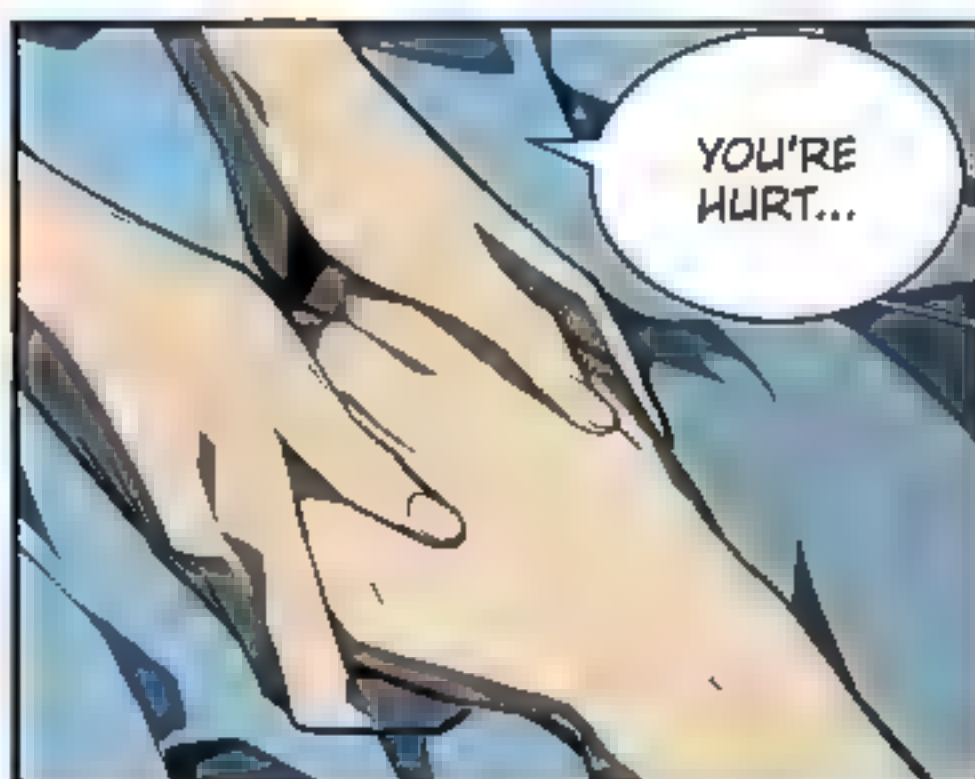


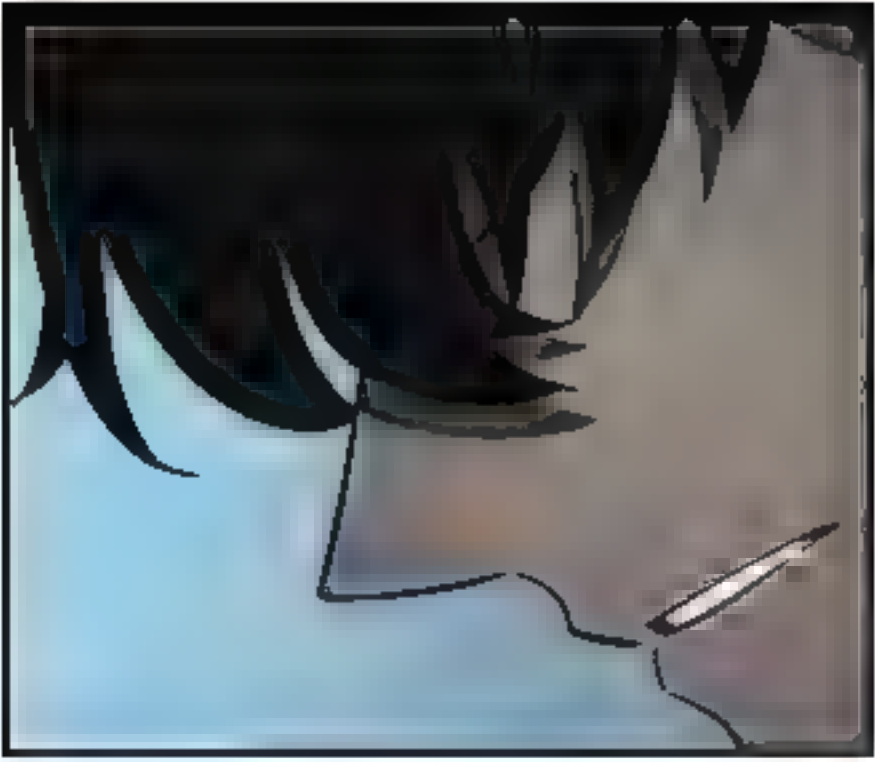
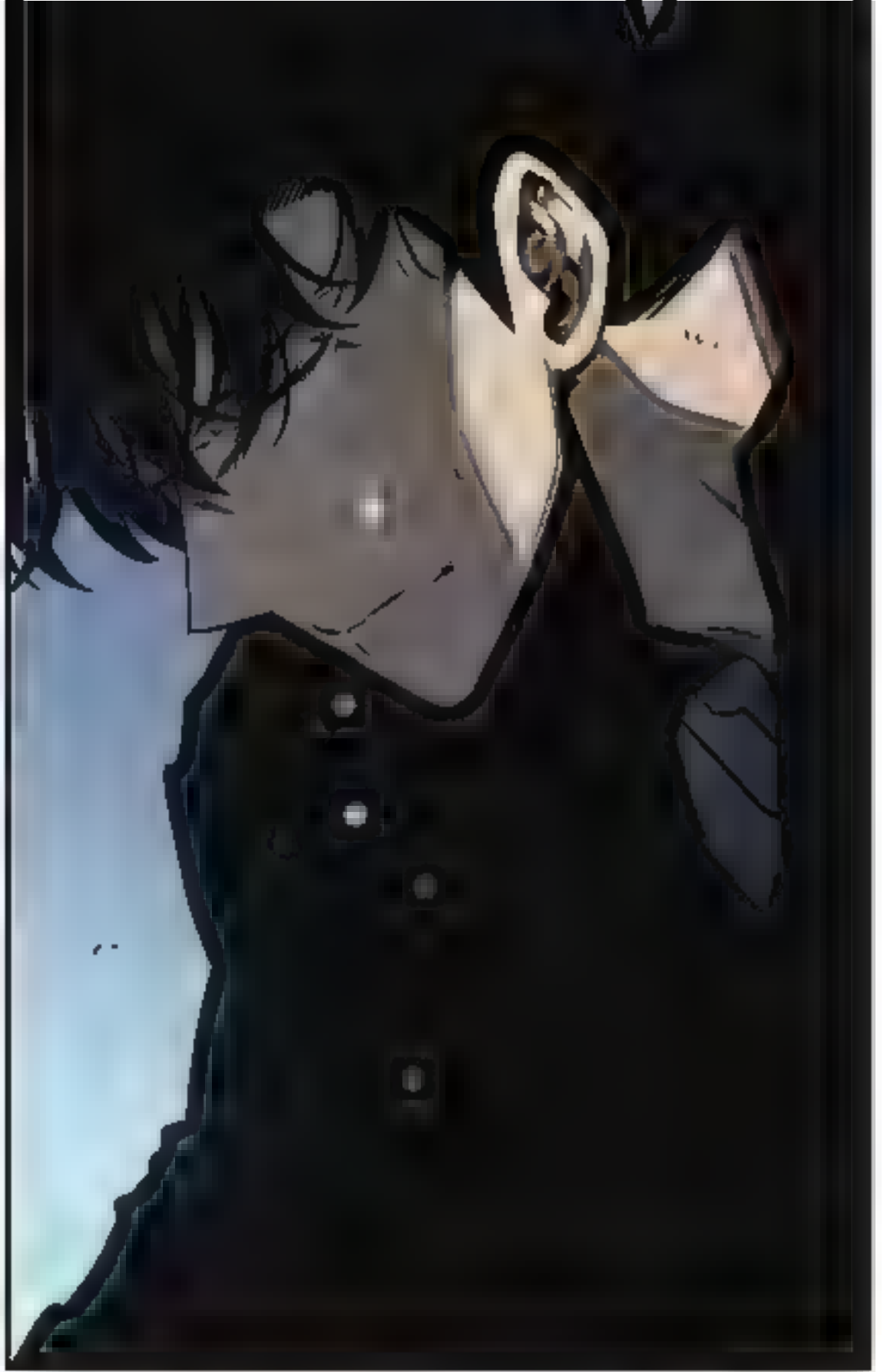


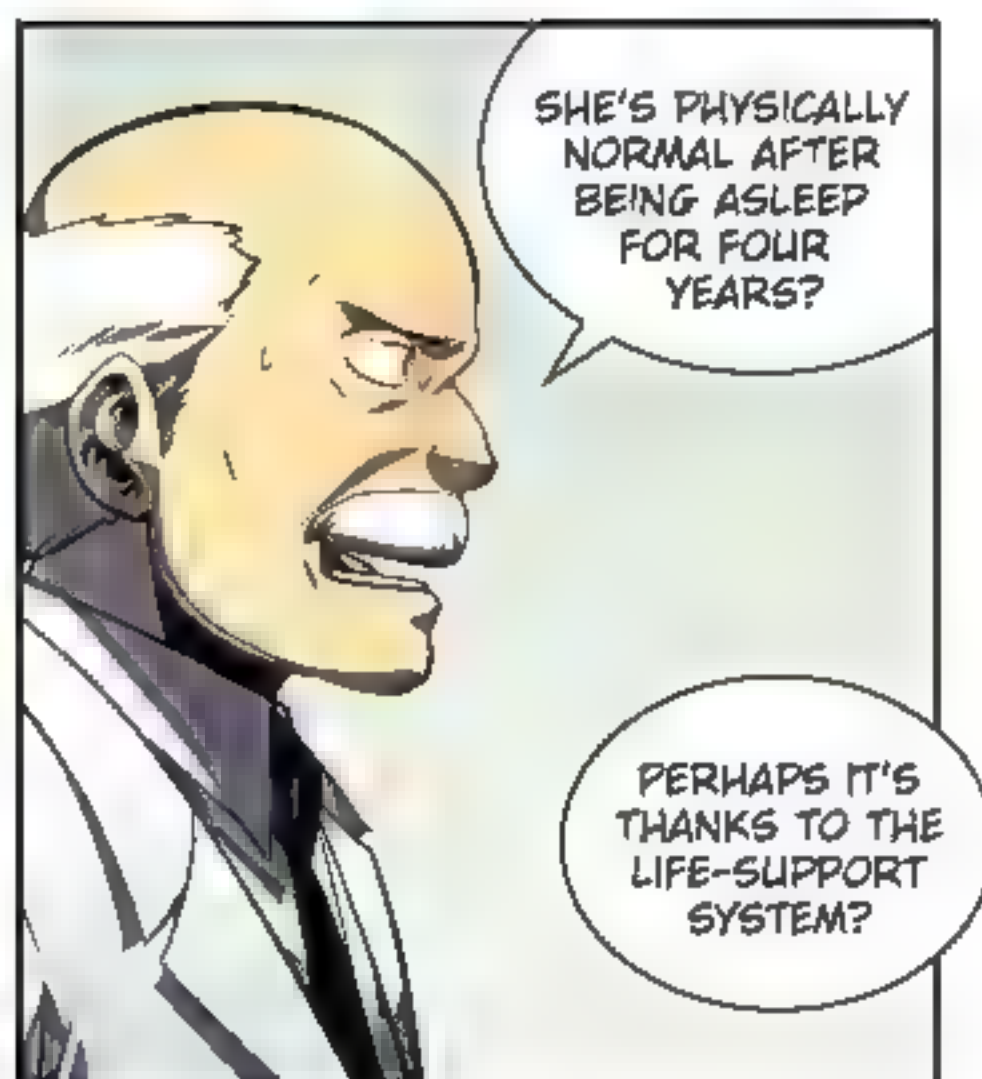
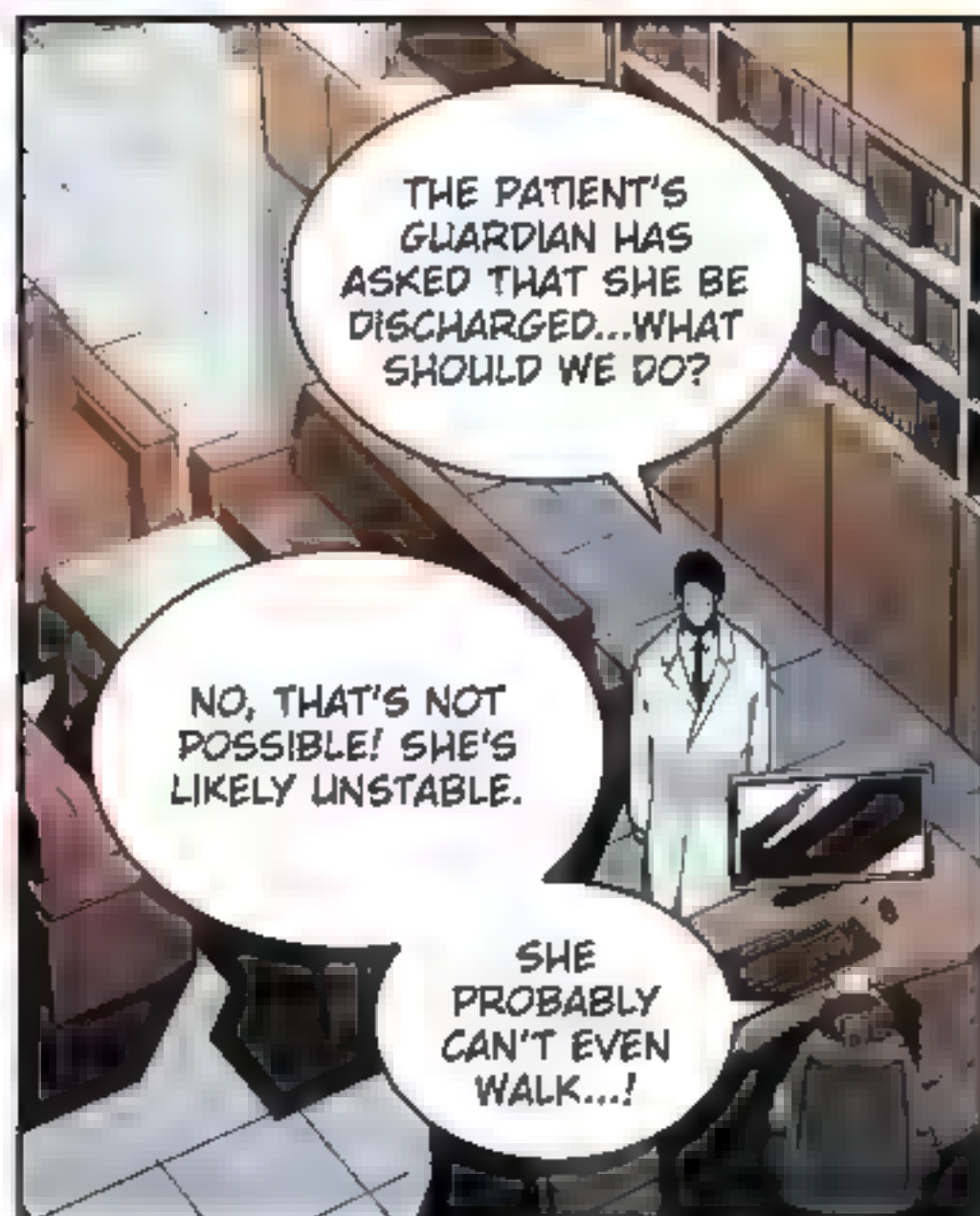
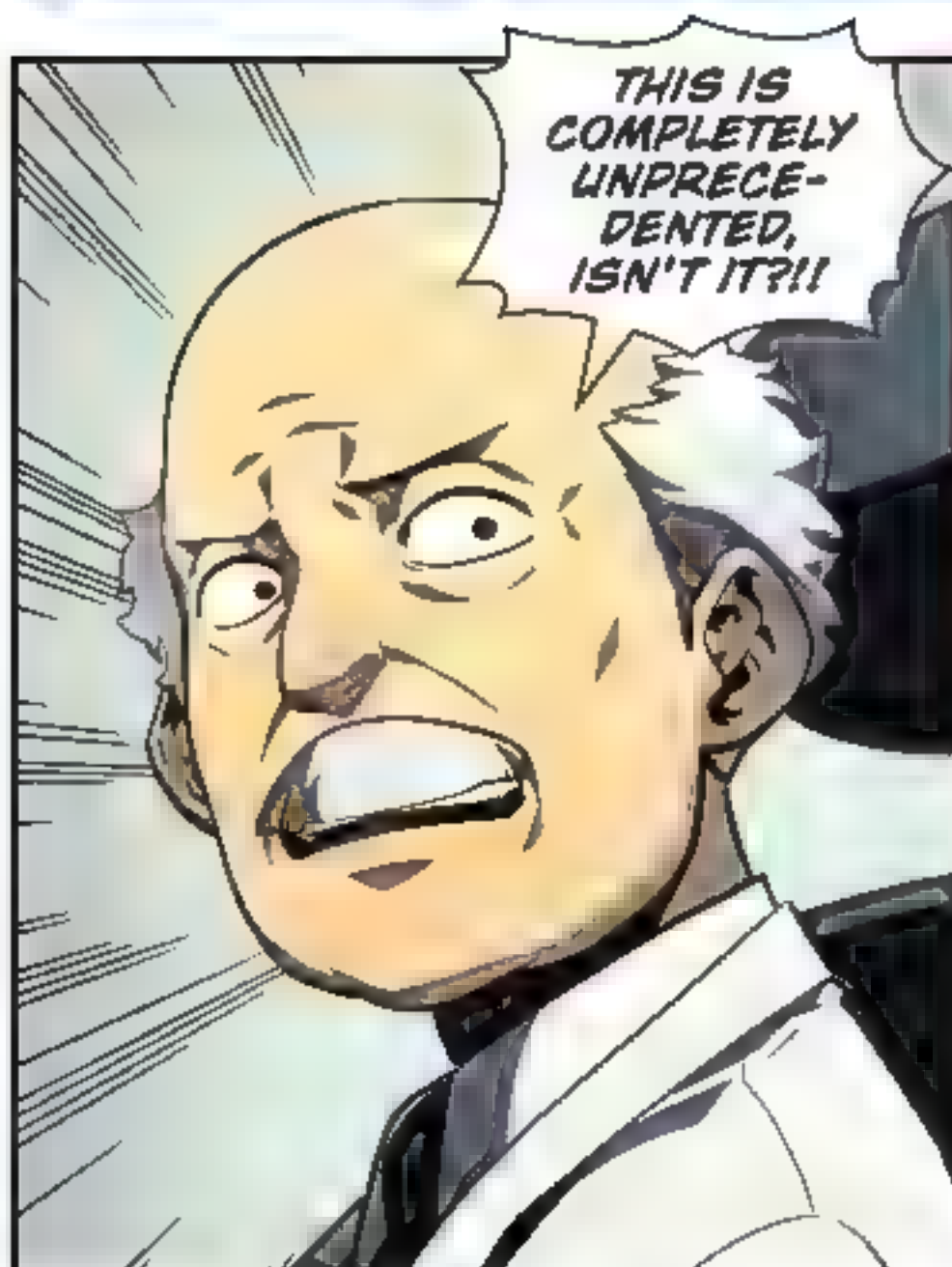
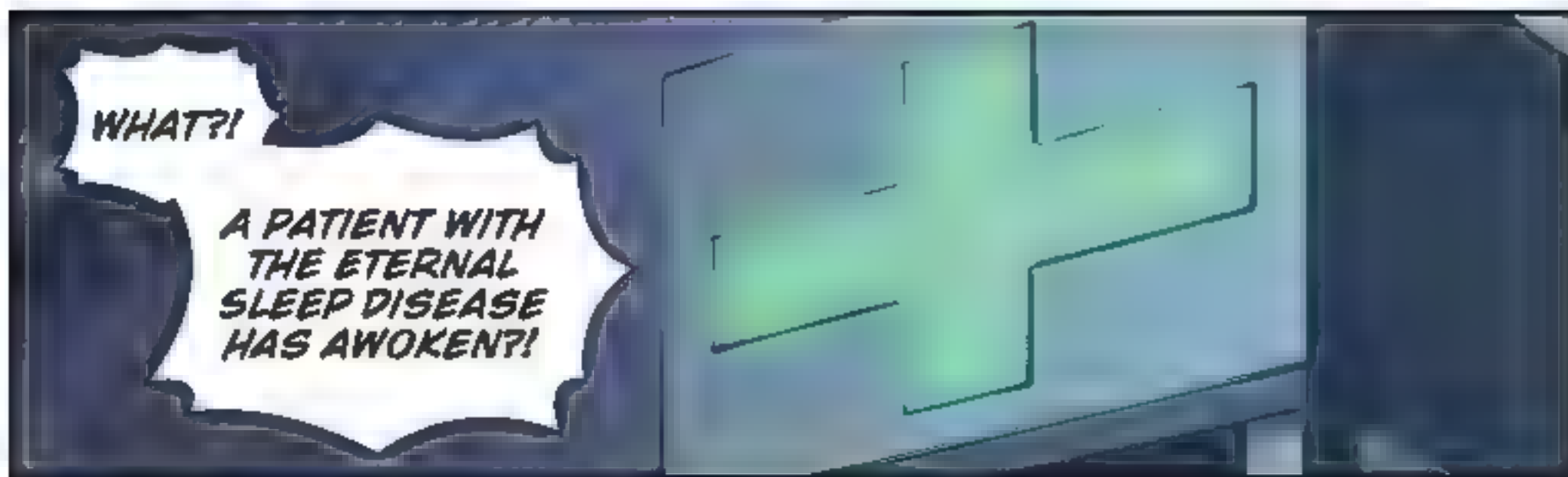


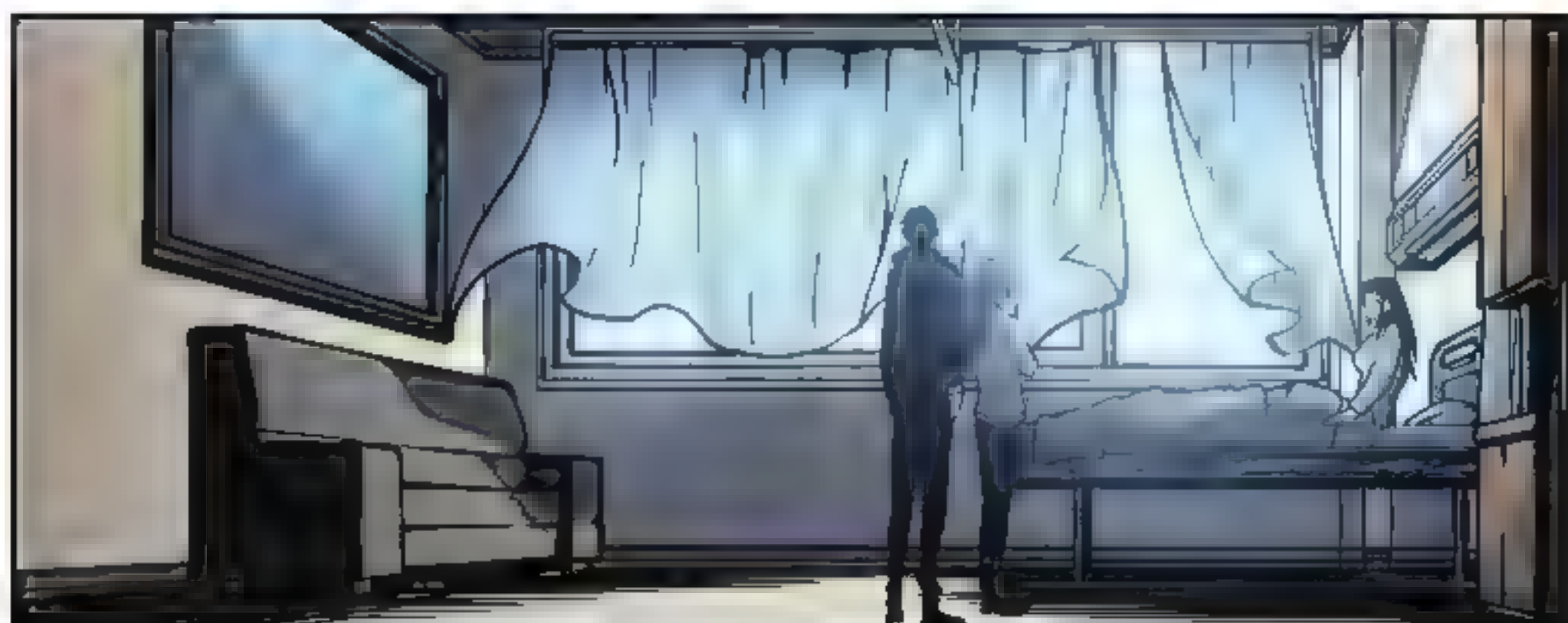
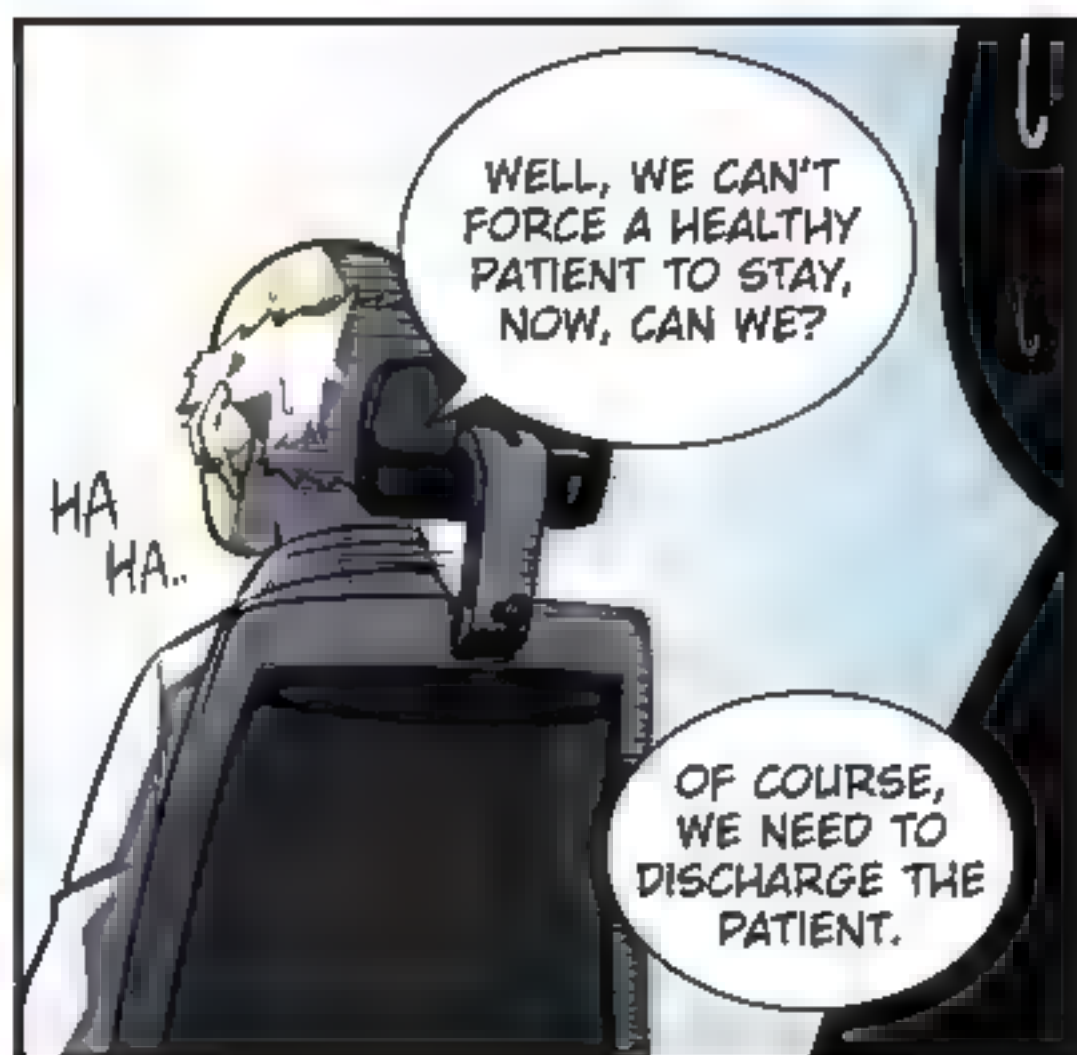


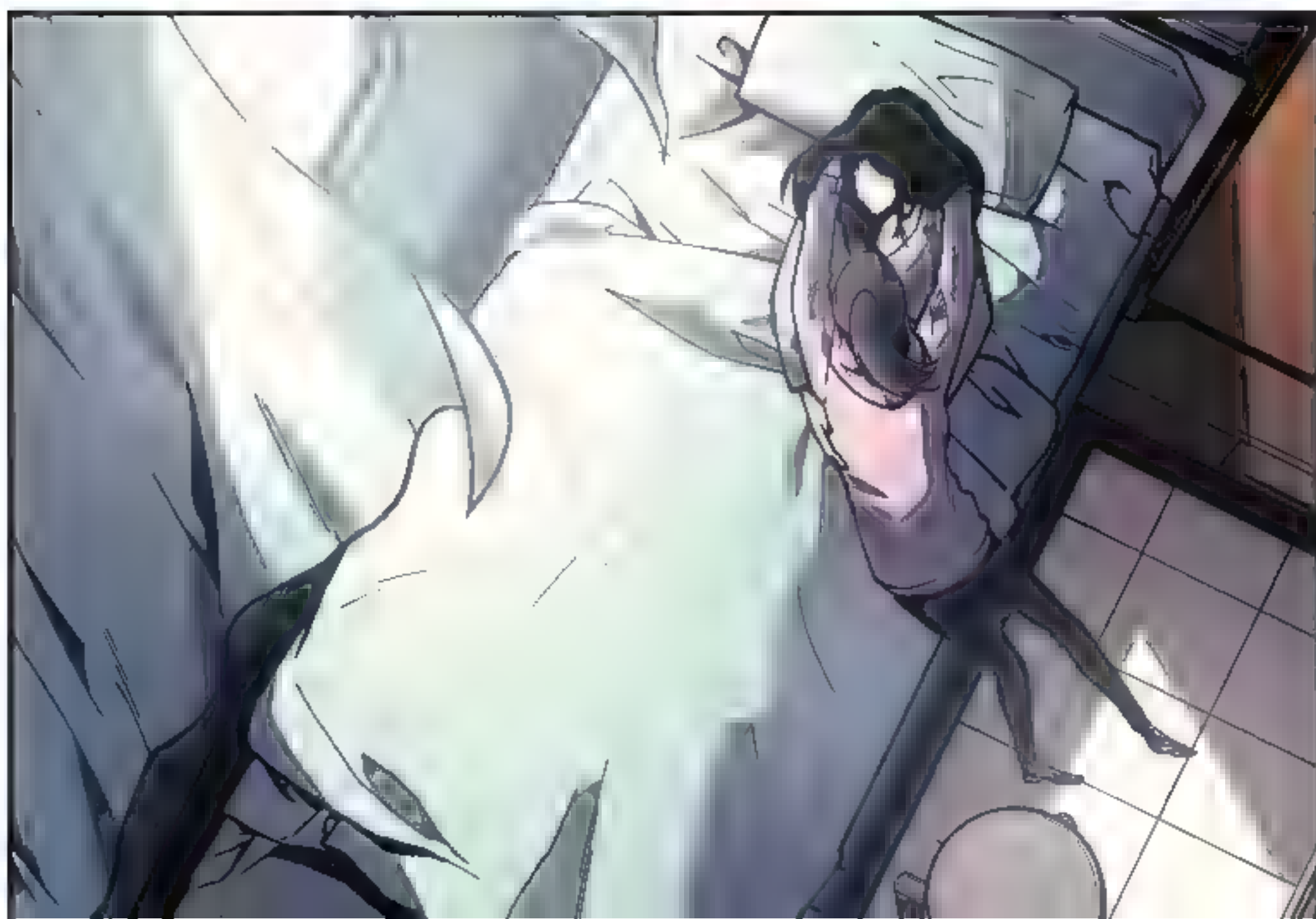
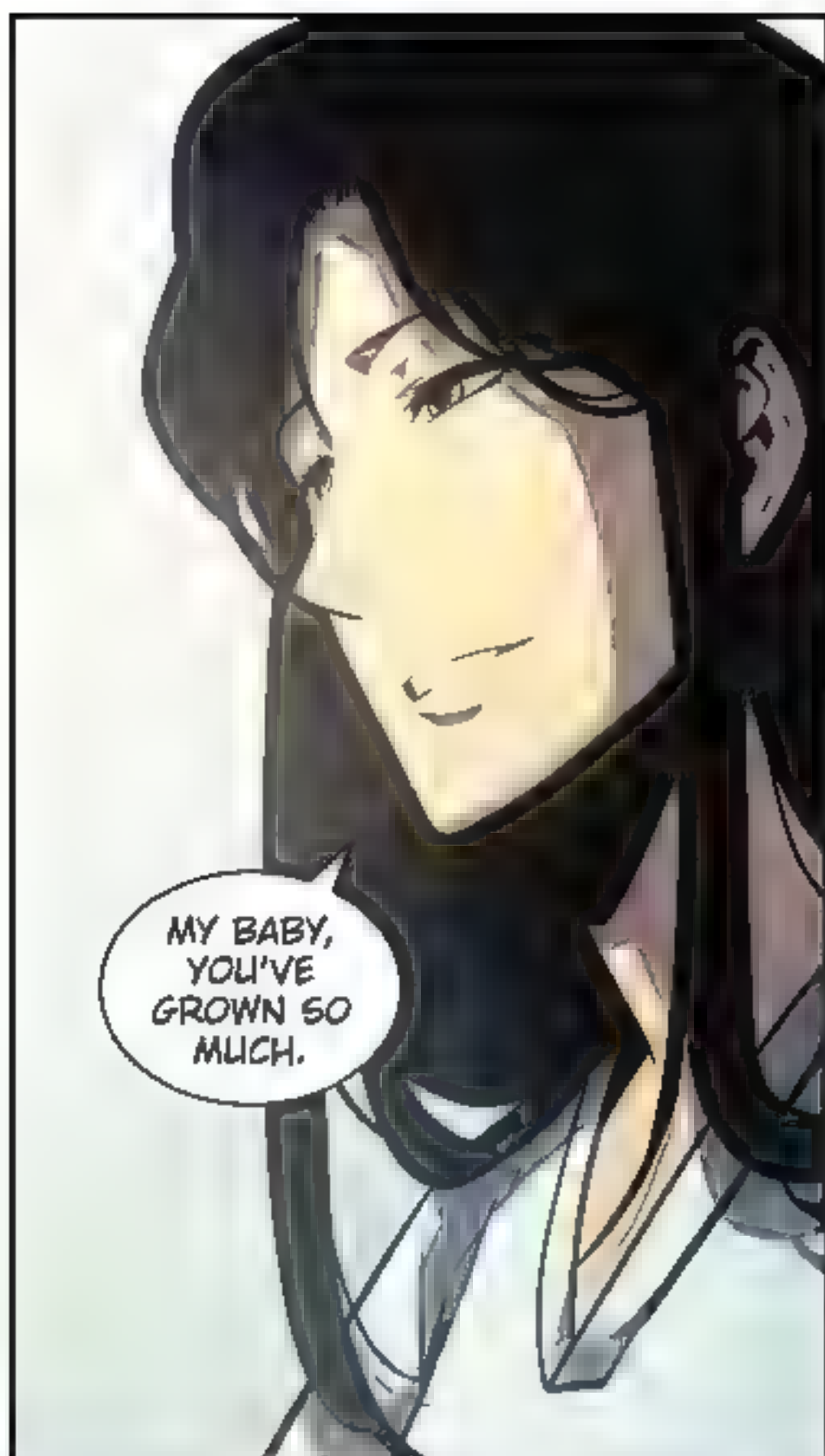














IT WAS ALL
WORTH IT.

I FEEL LIKE ALL
MY EFFORTS HAVE
BEEN REWARDED IN
THIS MOMENT.

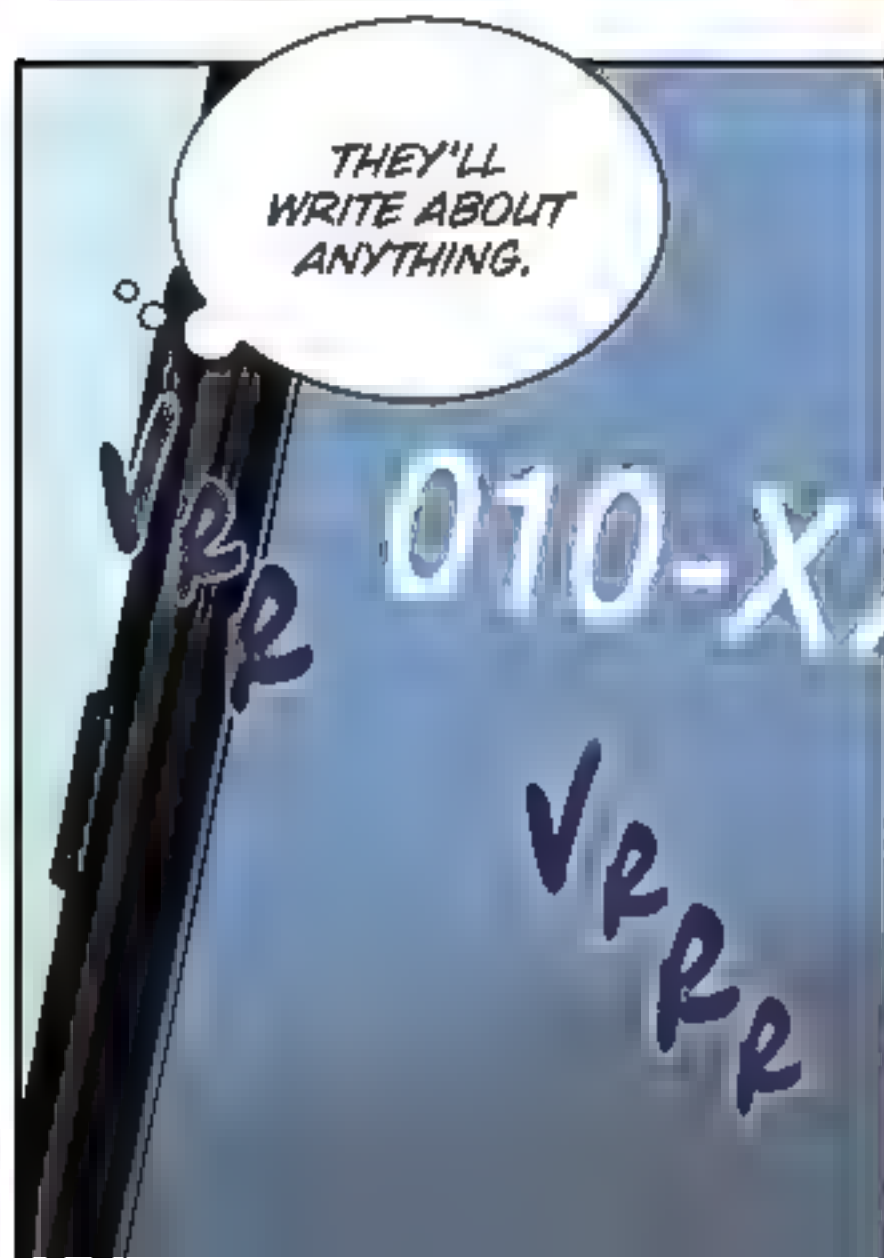
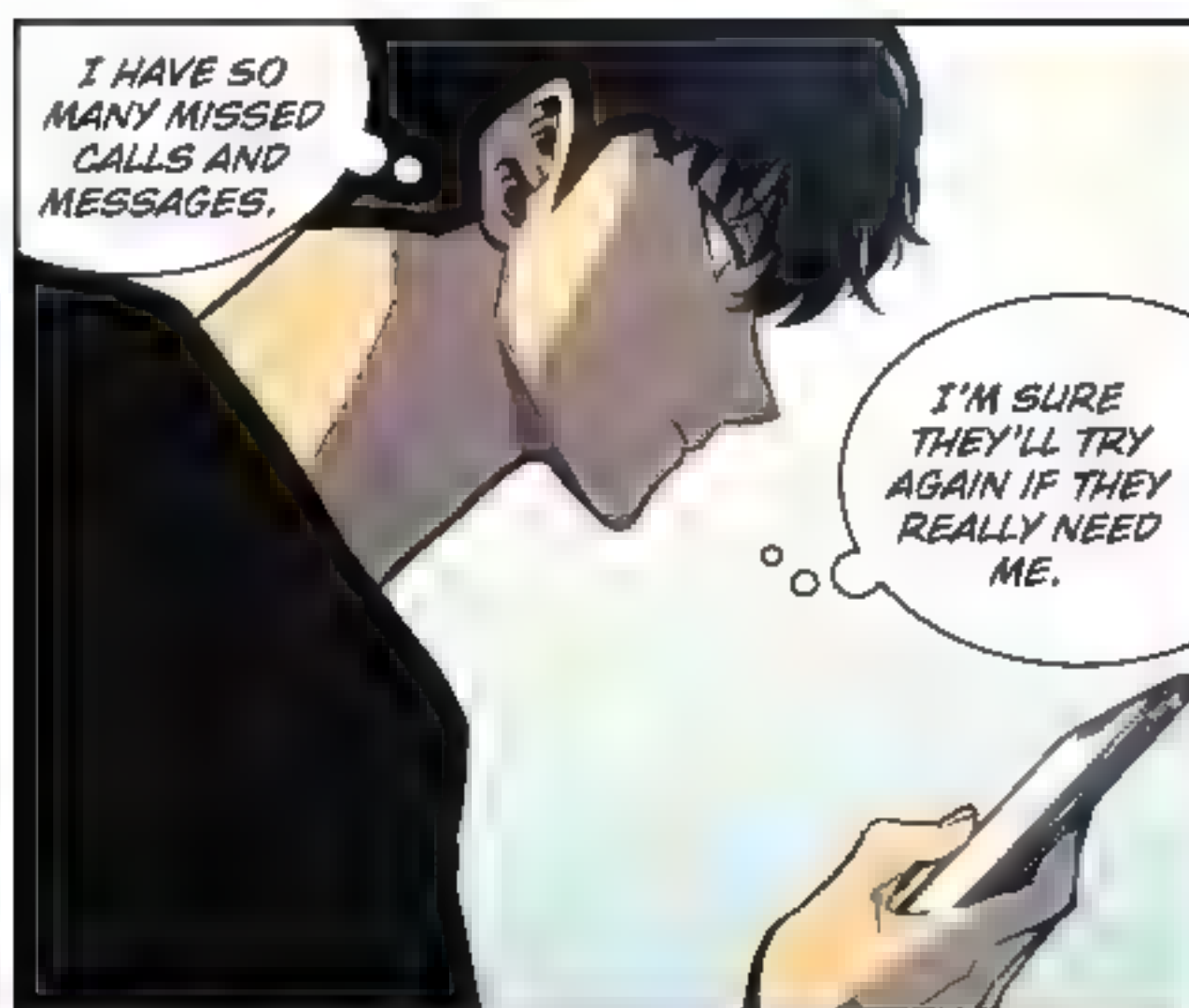


BUT...

...SPENDING
ALL THIS TIME
AS A HUNTER...

I WONDER...

...IF I'VE COME TOO FAR...





A CALL FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT?

PRESIDENT GO? WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?



You've probably heard already.

SORRY... I'M NOT SURE I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

Haven't you seen the news?

OH, HE'S TALKING ABOUT KAISEL. WORD REALLY DOES TRAVEL FAST.



I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.

Pardon?

THIS ISN'T ABOUT KAISEL?

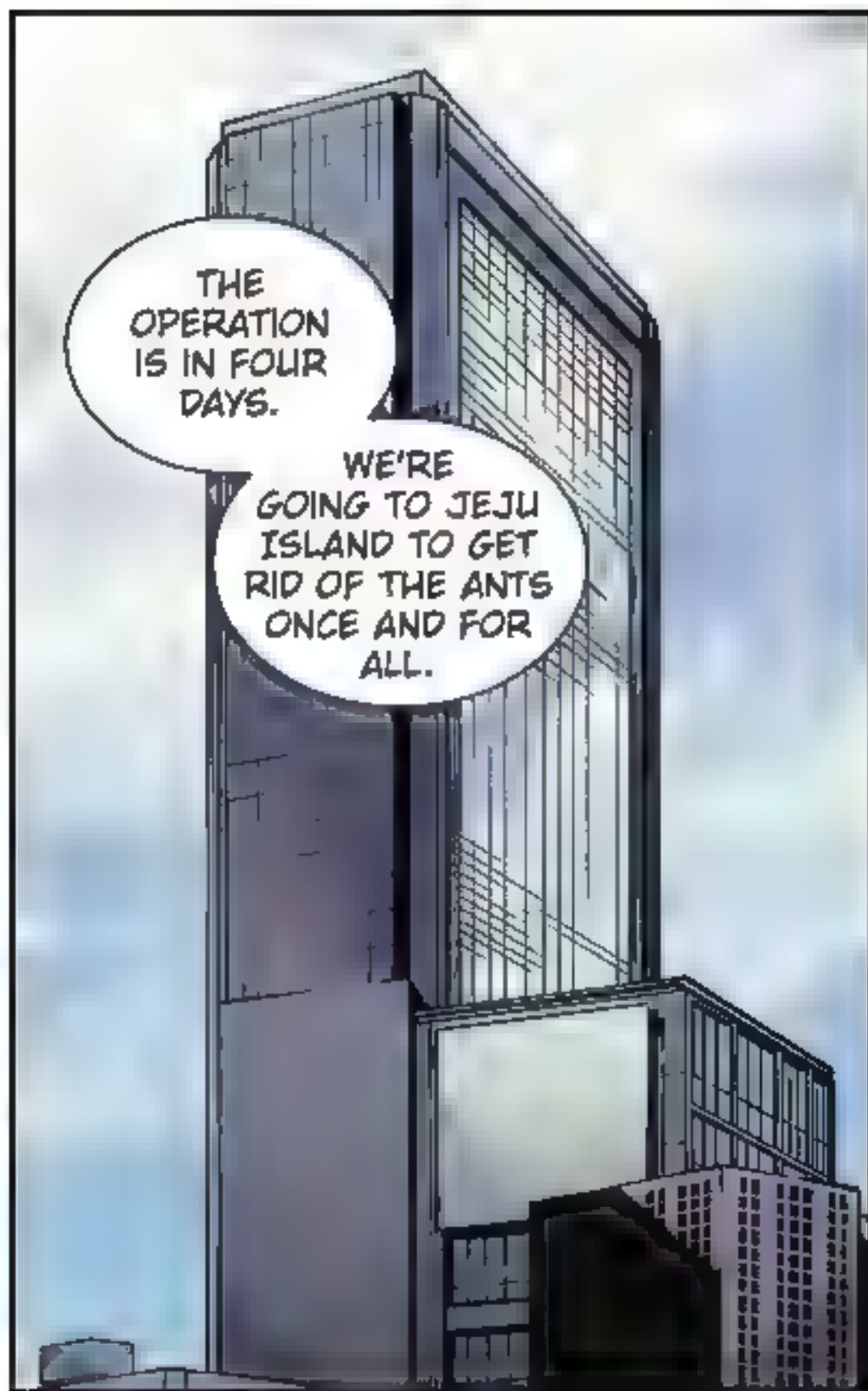


SO...WHAT HAPPENED? I'VE BEEN OFF THE GRID FOR A WHILE AND JUST GOT BACK.

I guess you haven't heard. May we speak in person?

I CAN COME TO YOU.





THE
OPERATION
IS IN FOUR
DAYS.

WE'RE
GOING TO JEJU
ISLAND TO GET
RID OF THE ANTS
ONCE AND FOR
ALL.

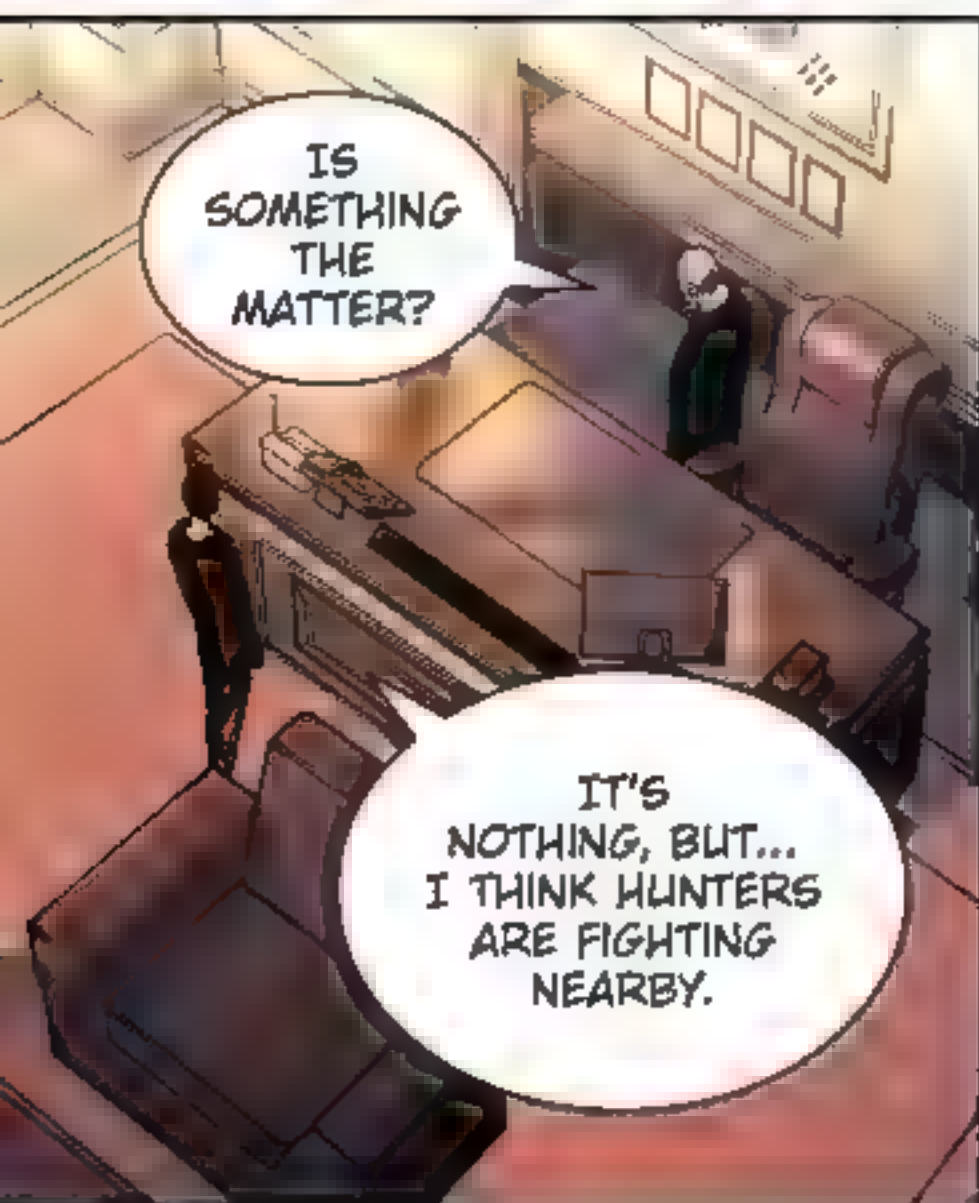
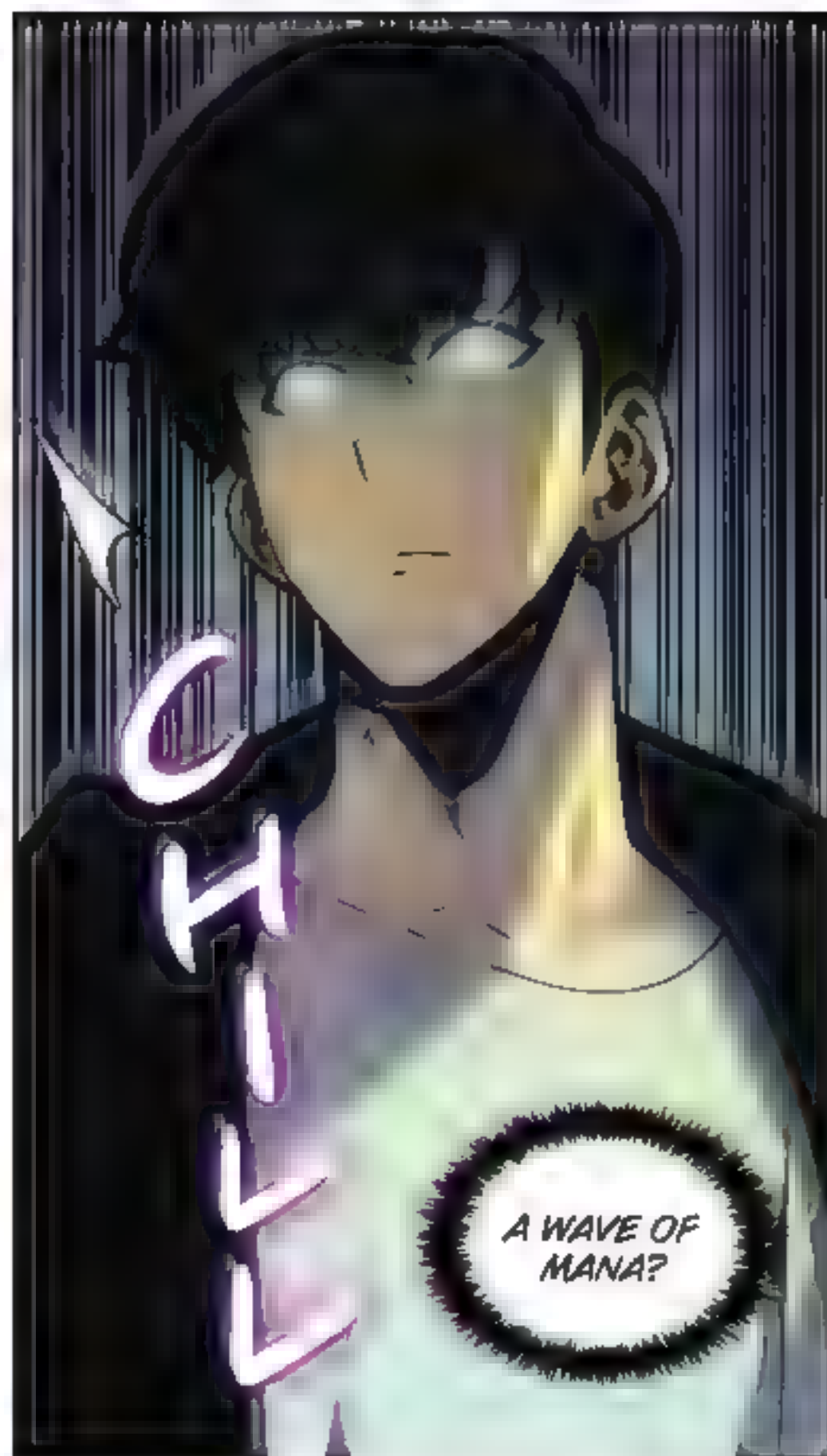
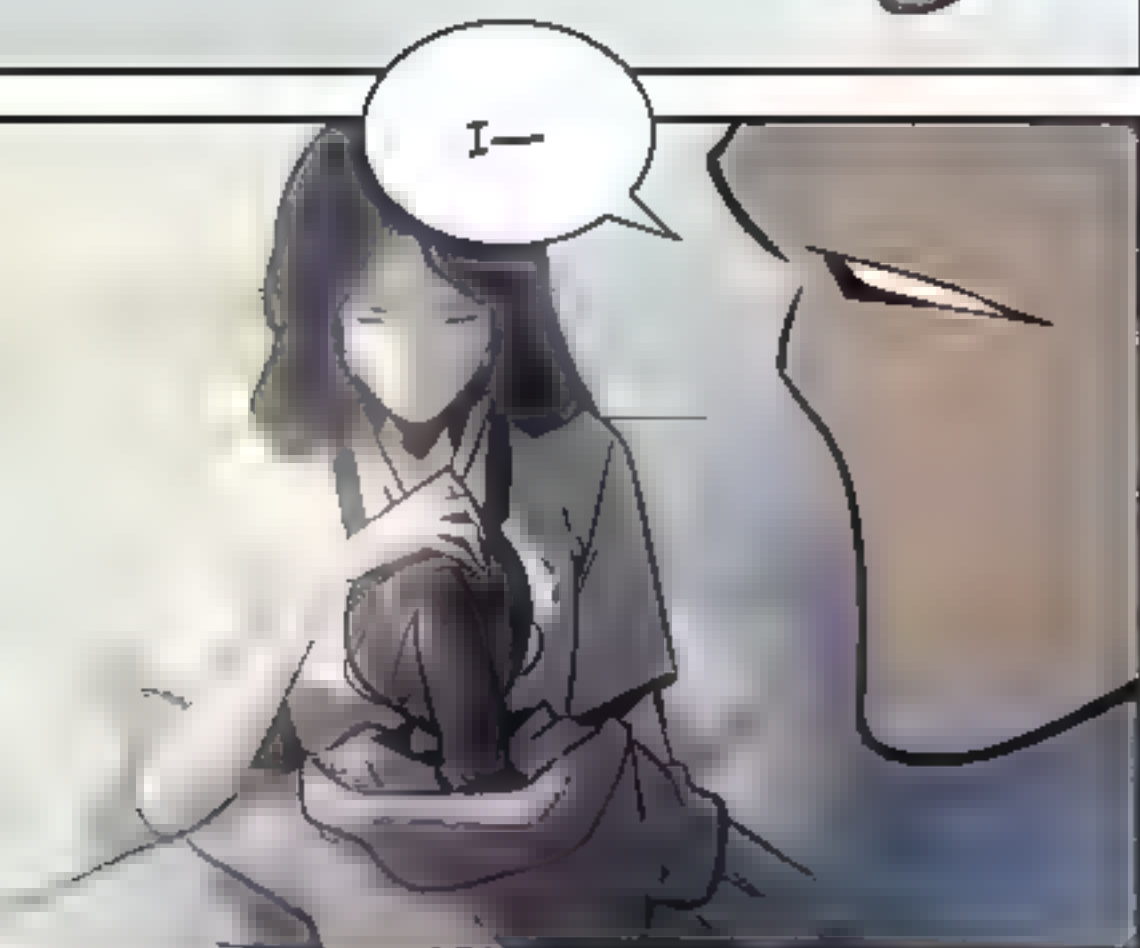


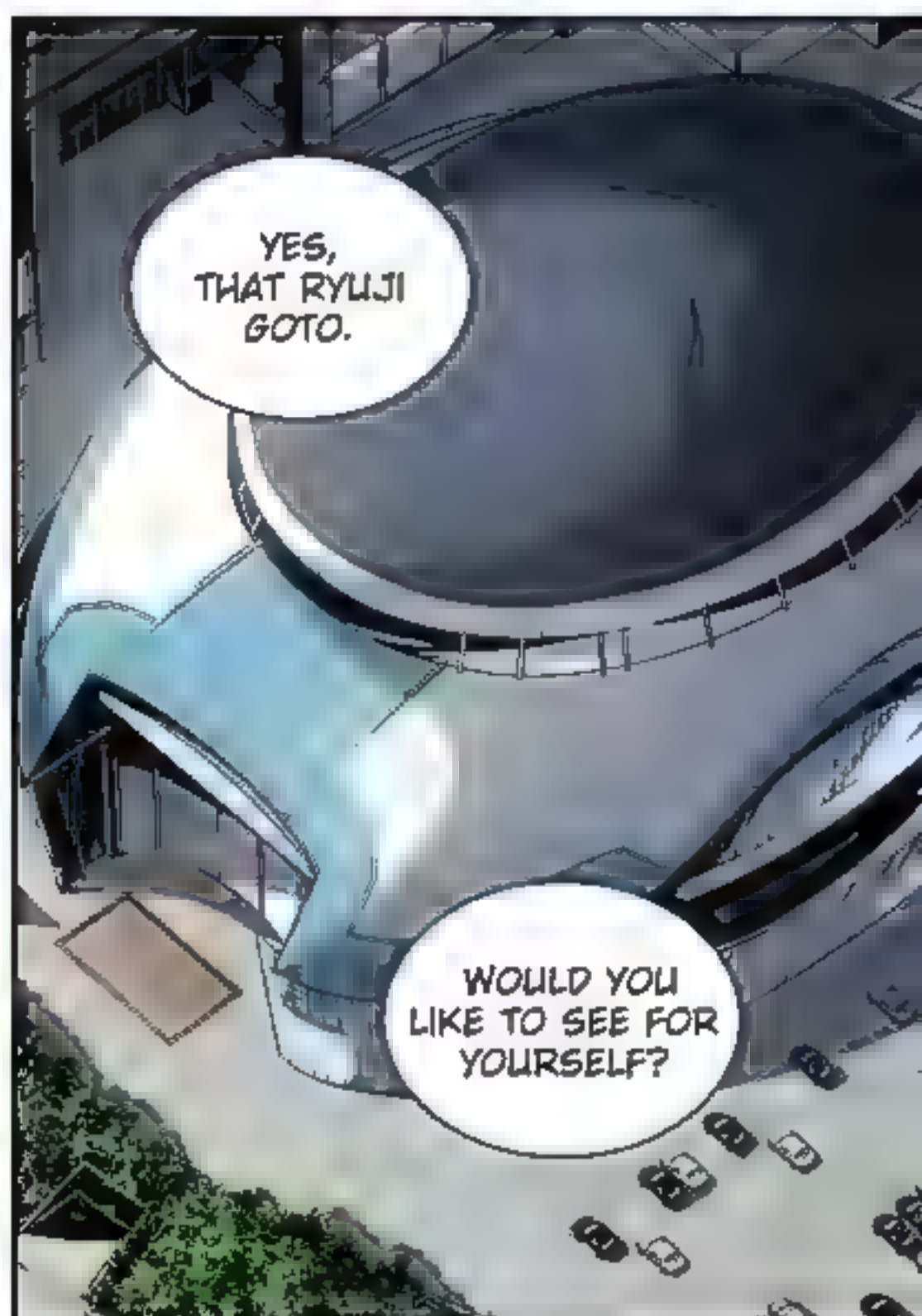
BUT IN ORDER
TO DO THAT, WE
NEED YOUR HELP,
HUNTER SUNG.



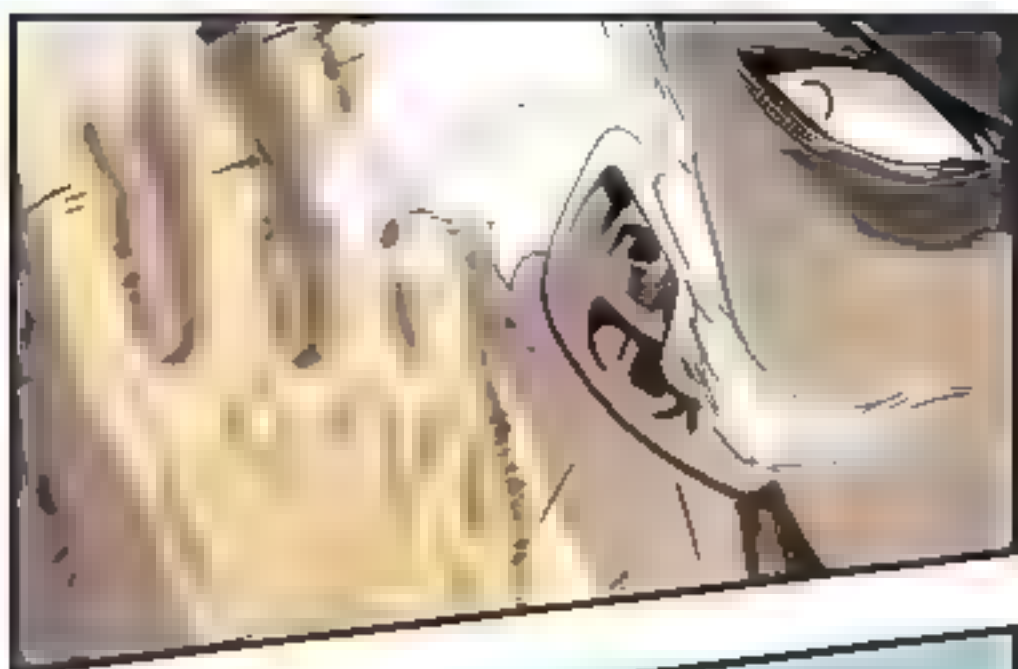
TAKING BACK
JEJU ISLAND IS
EVERY KOREAN'S
WISH.

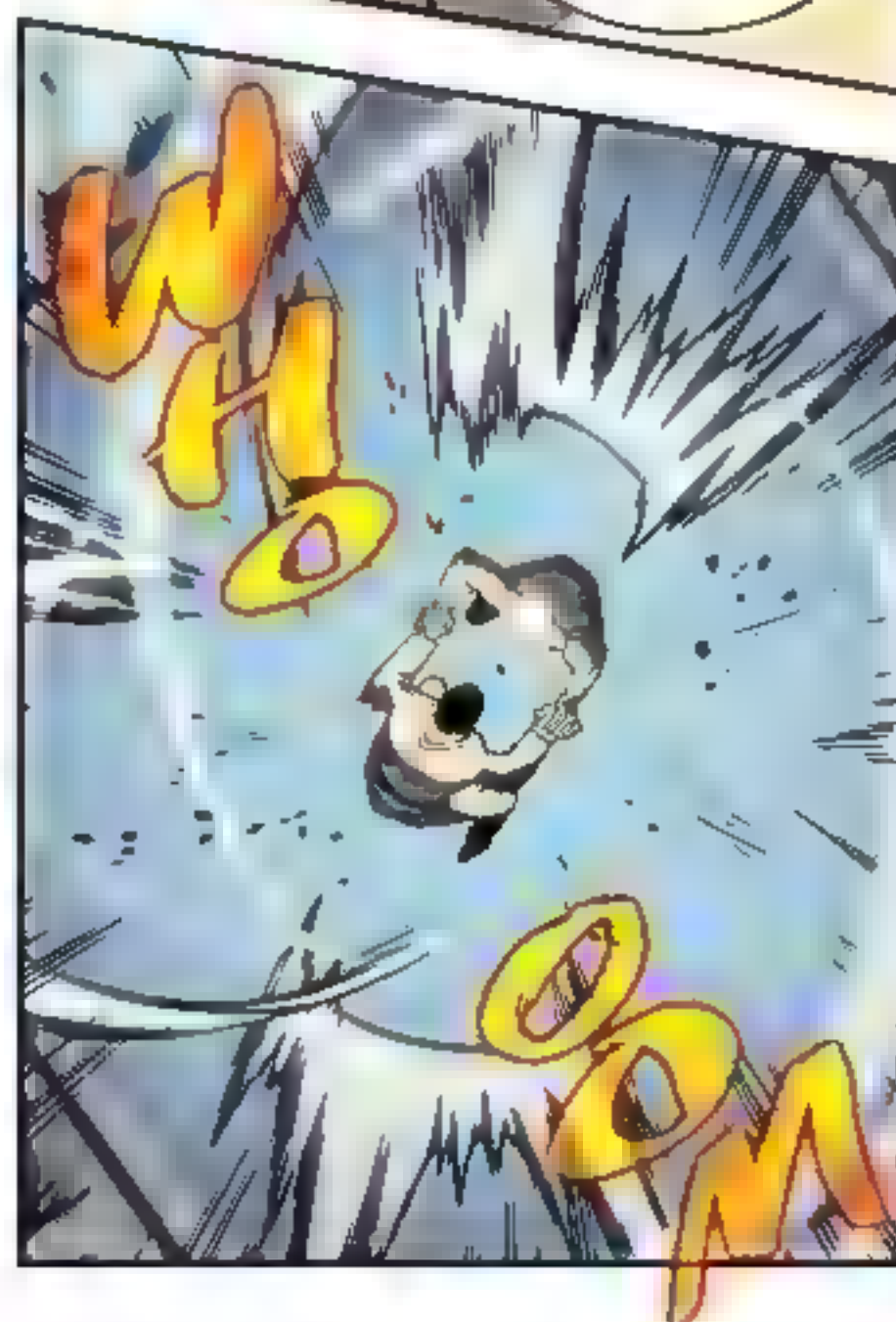
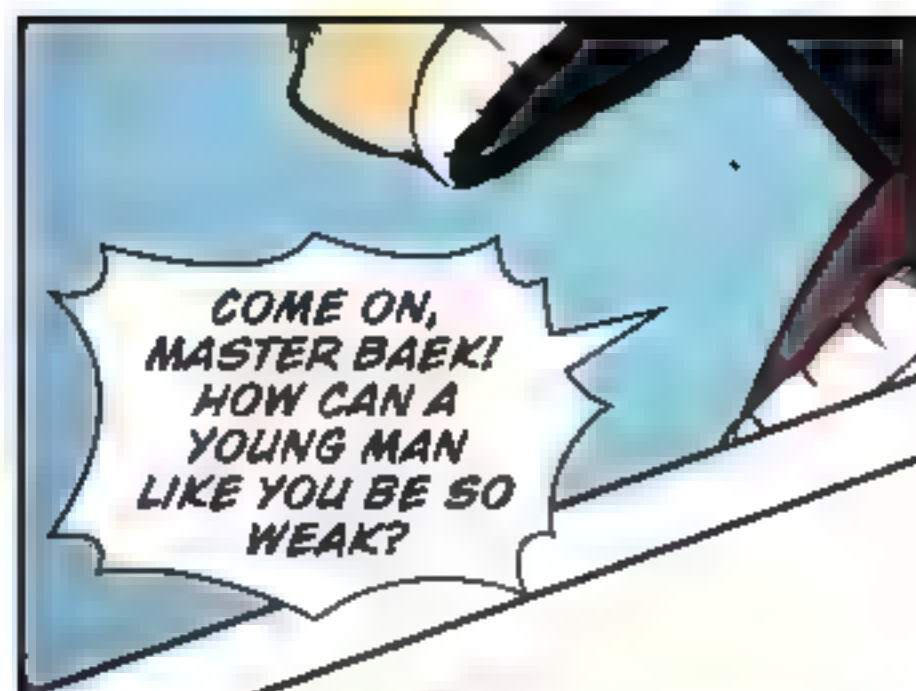
WILL YOU
PLEASE JOIN
US?

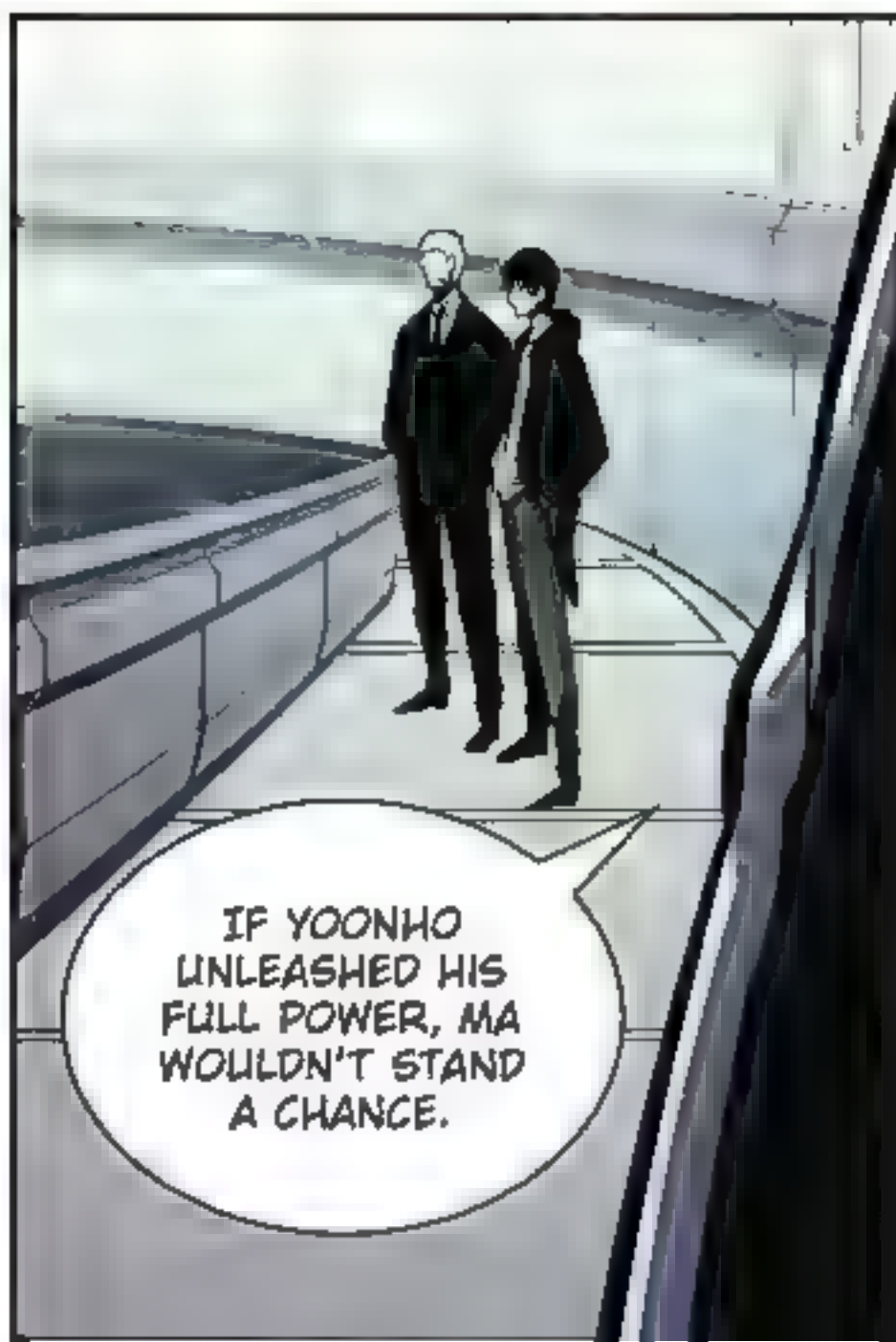
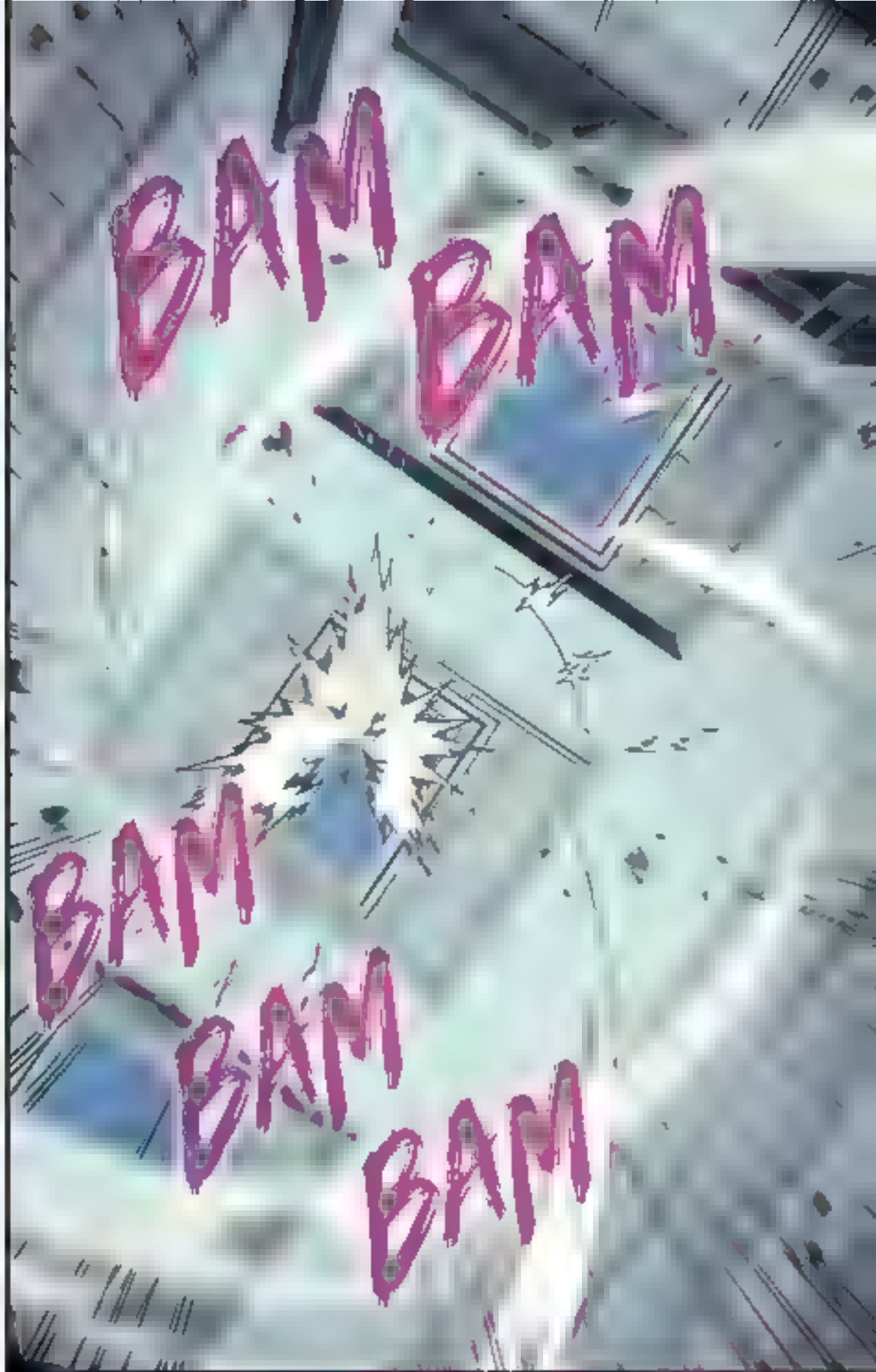
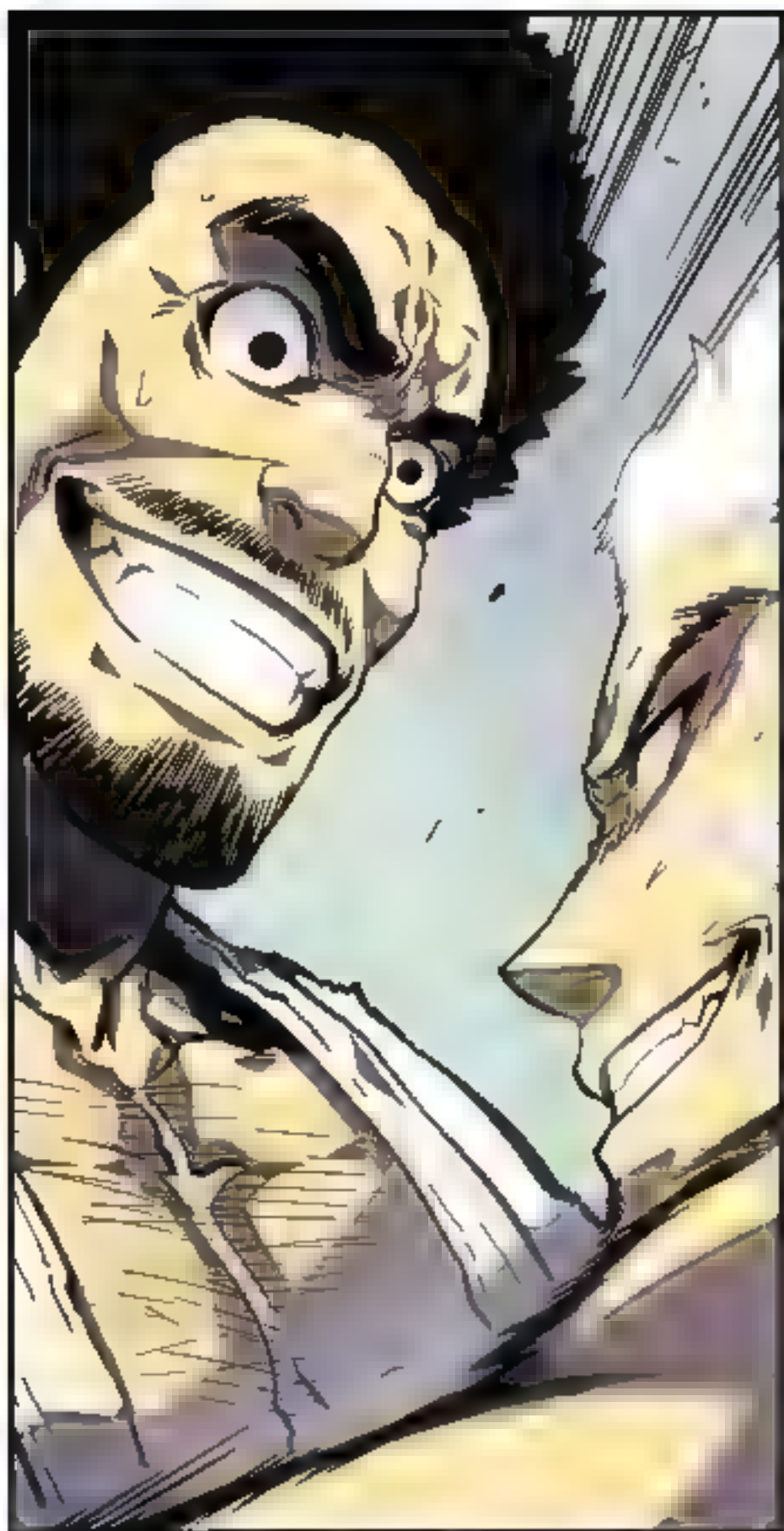














JONGIN
CHOI?!

LONG
TIME NO SEE,
HUNTER
SUNG.

THE
MAN IN THE
WHITE UNIFORM
IS DONGWOOK MA
FROM THE FAME
GUILD.

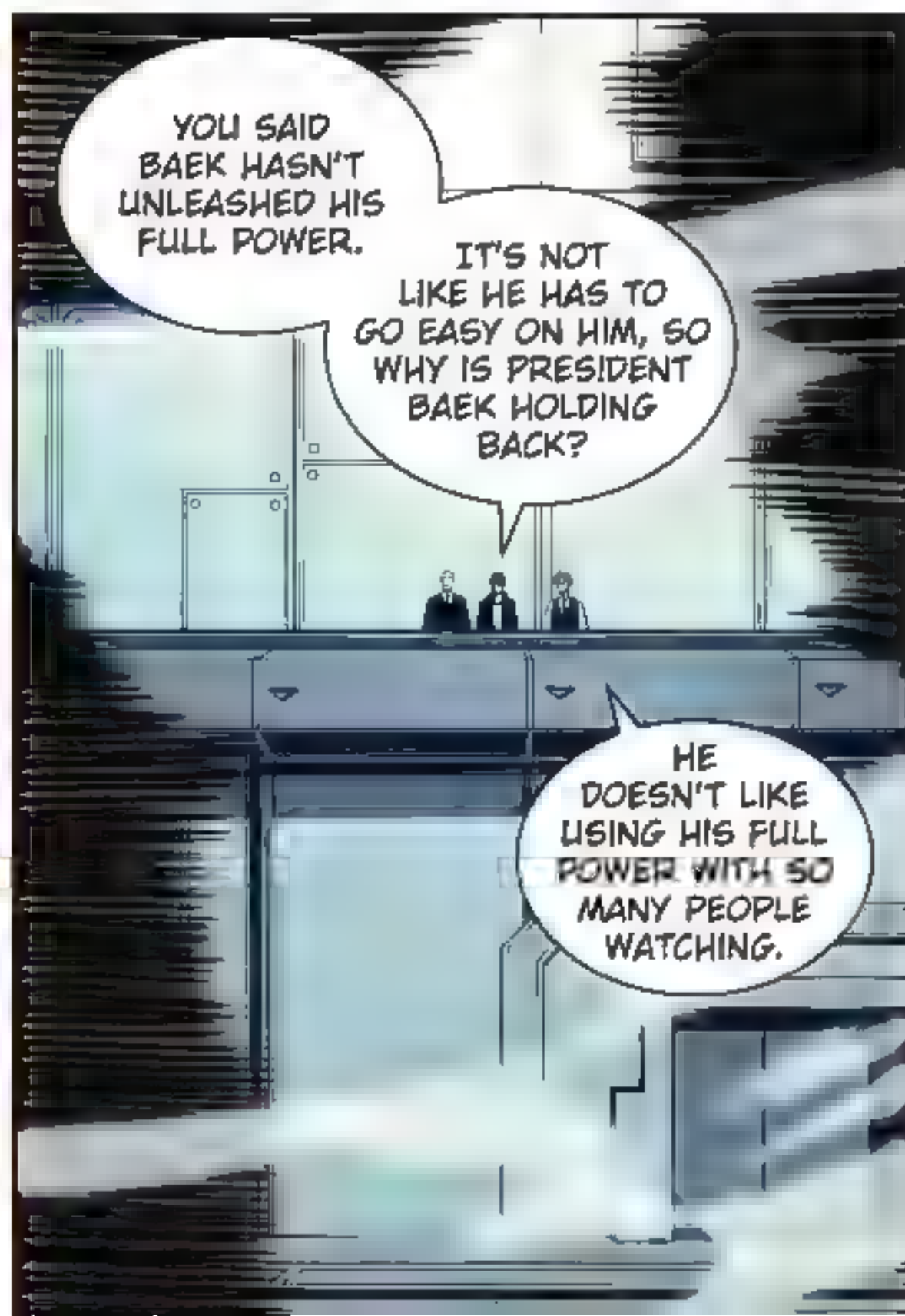


DONGWOOK MA,
S-RANK HUNTER
(GUILD MASTER OF
THE FAME GUILD)



FAME

-One of the five Korean guilds
-Active in Honam area
-Hunters Guild, White Tiger Guild, and
Reapers Guild have occupied the highest
ranks — people have an impression that
Fame Guild is number four



YOU SAID
BAEK HASN'T
UNLEASHED HIS
FULL POWER.

IT'S NOT
LIKE HE HAS TO
GO EASY ON HIM, SO
WHY IS PRESIDENT
BAEK HOLDING
BACK?

HE
DOESN'T LIKE
USING HIS FULL
POWER WITH SO
MANY PEOPLE
WATCHING.

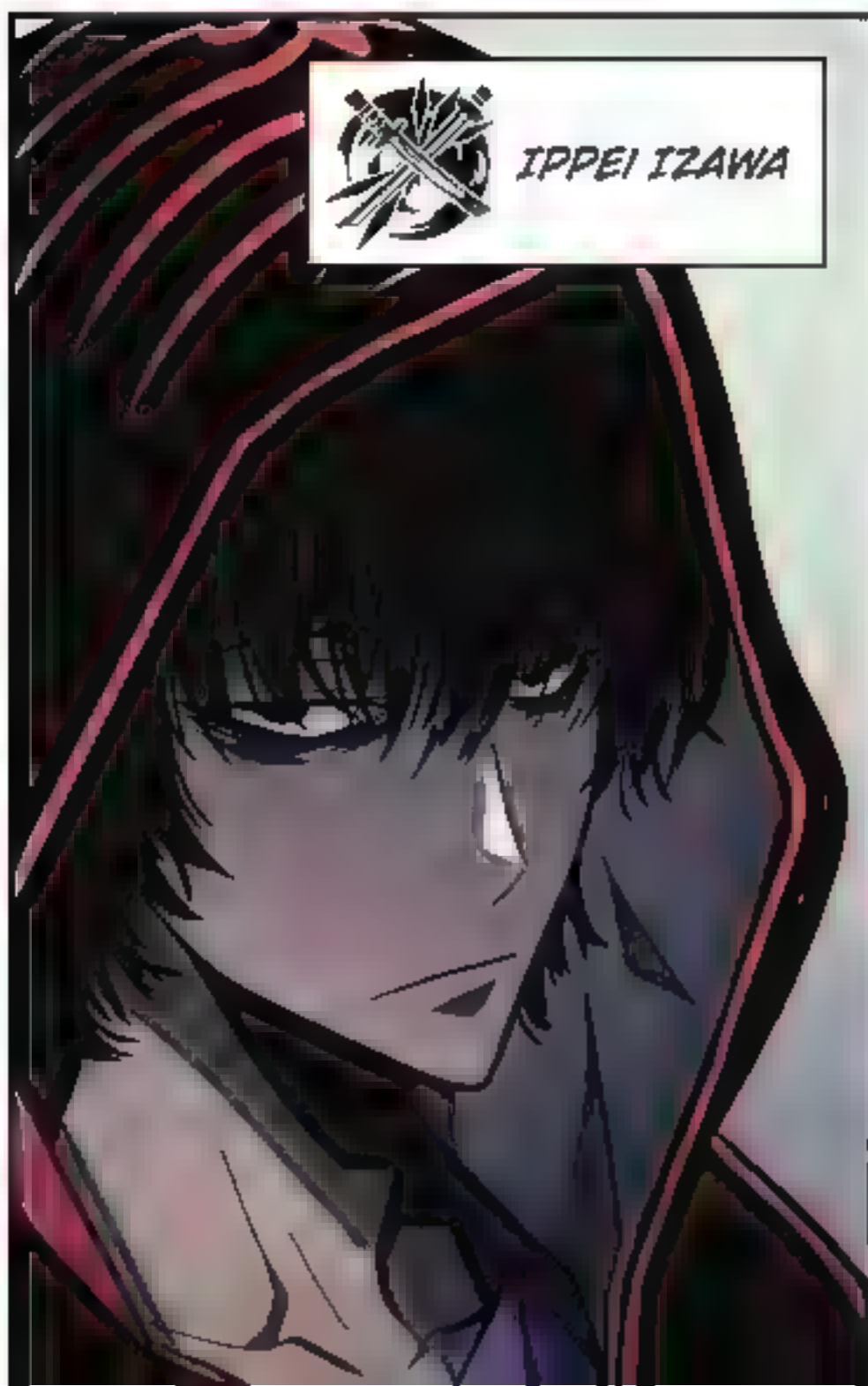


HE TRANSFORMS
INTO A REAL
MONSTER WHEN HE
GOES ALL OUT.

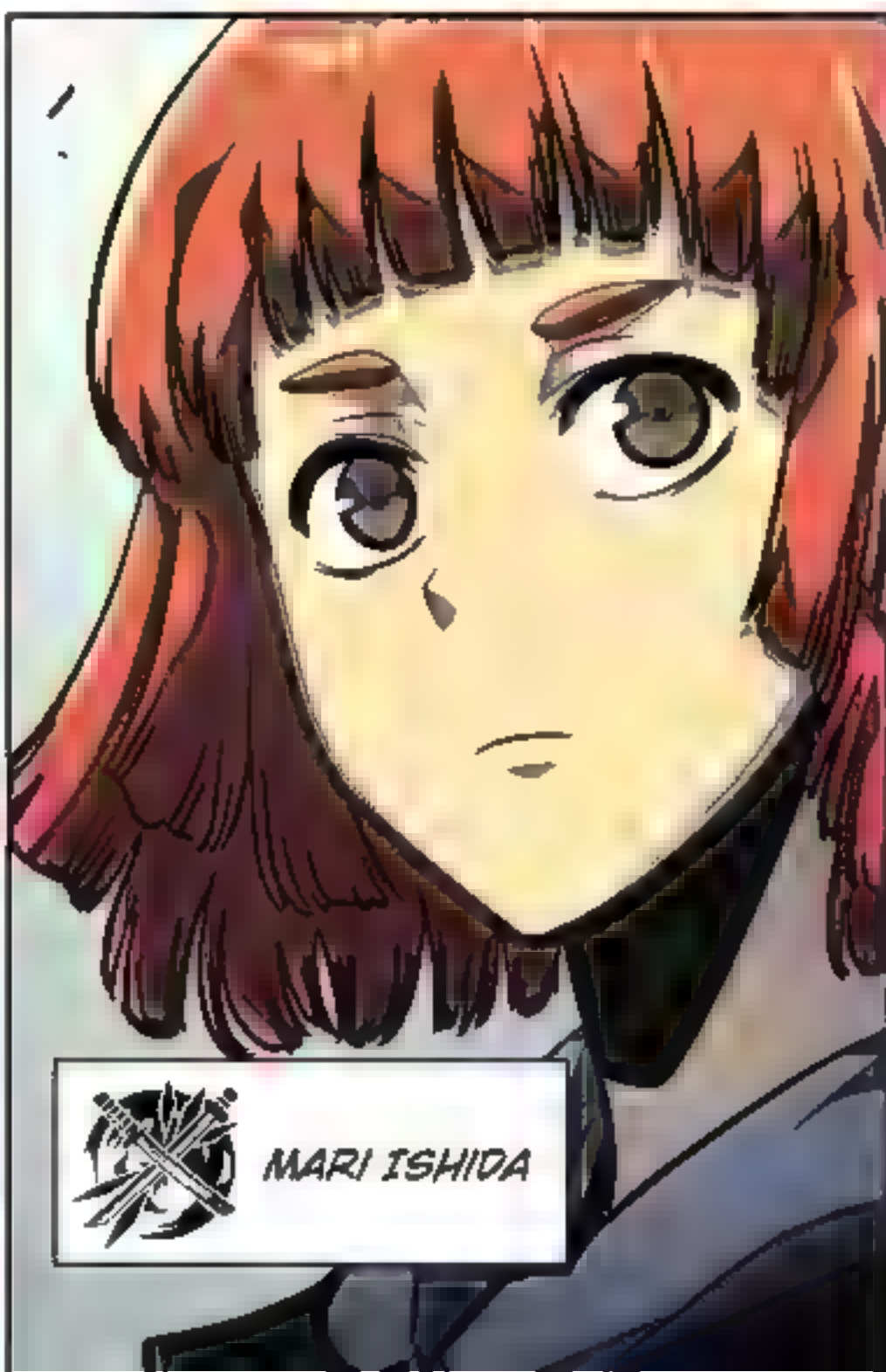


I GUESS
THE RUMOR THAT
PRESIDENT BAEK
CAN TRANSFORM
IS TRUE.

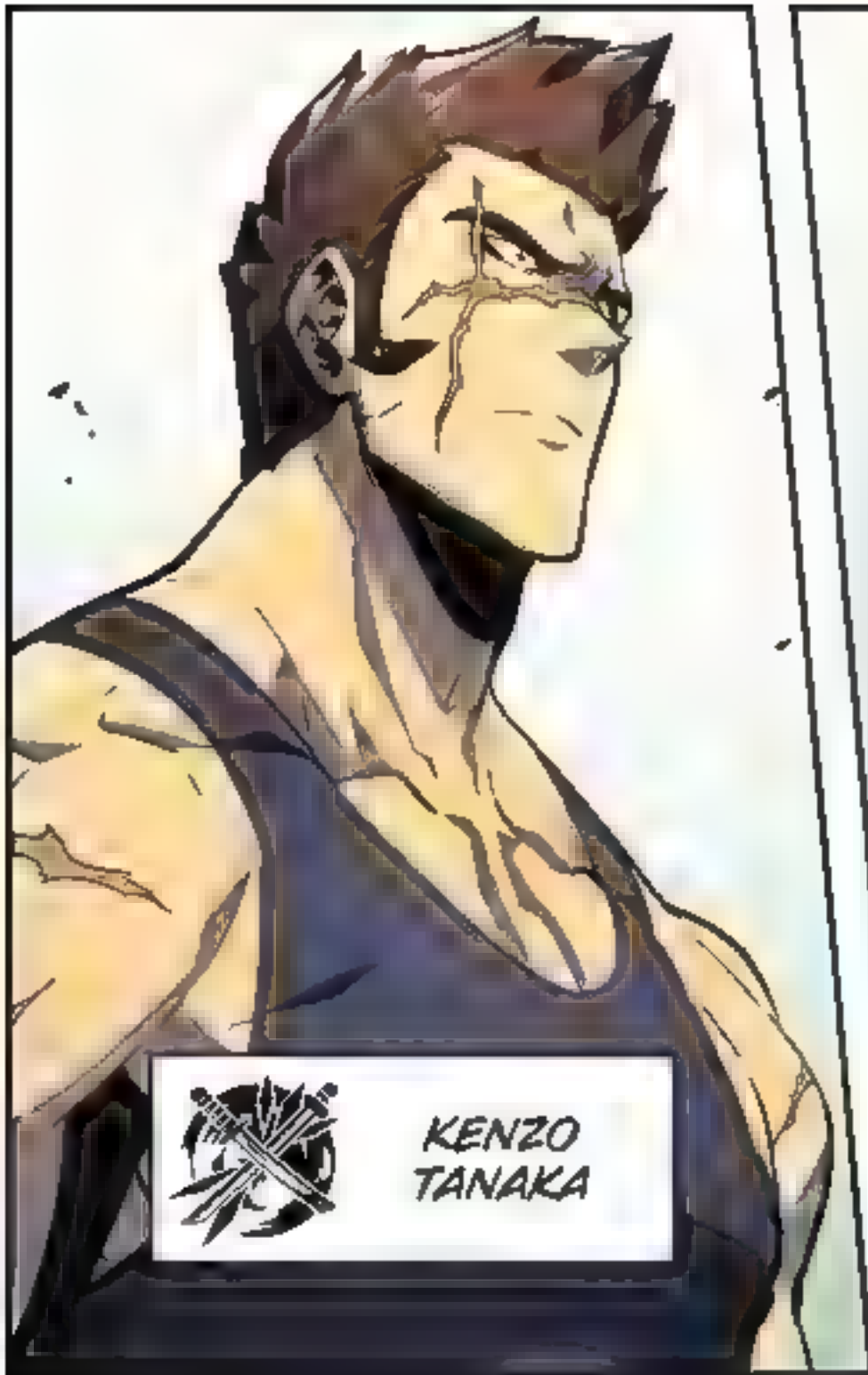
THE
PEOPLE
GATHERED
AROUND
ARE...

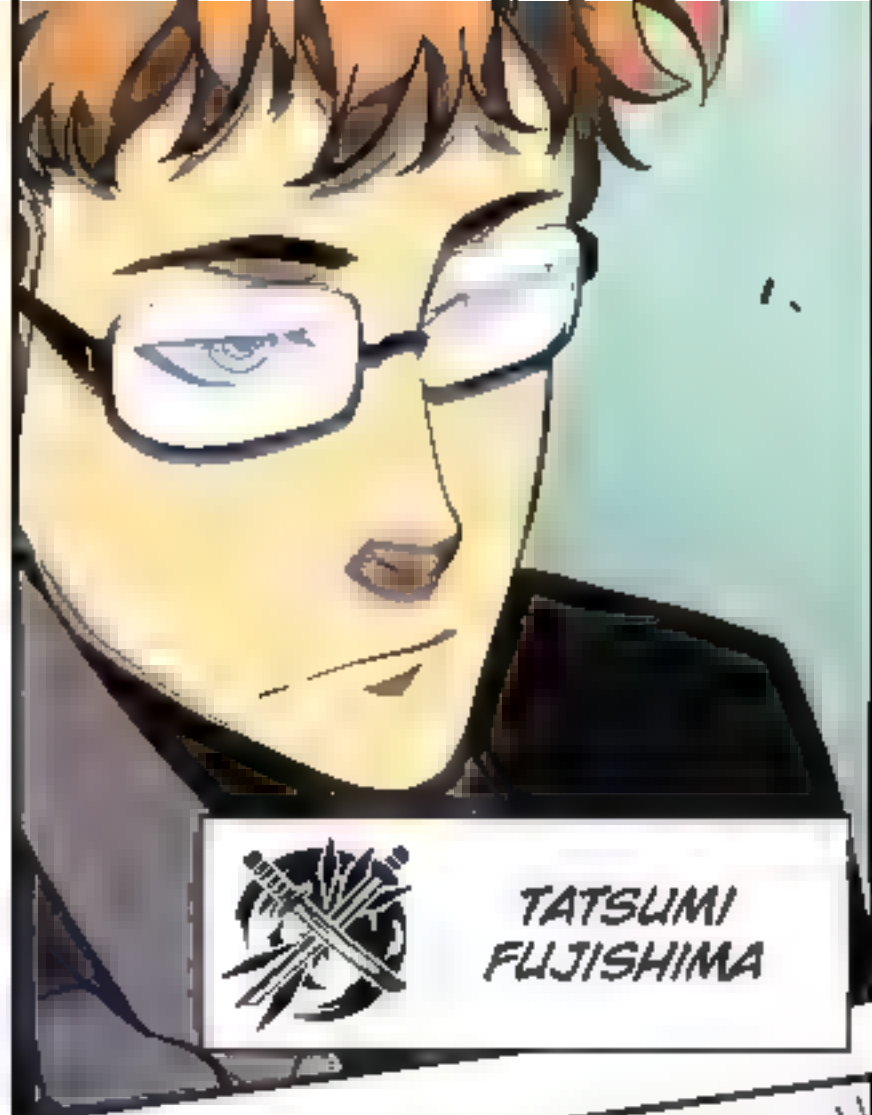


IPPEI IZAWA

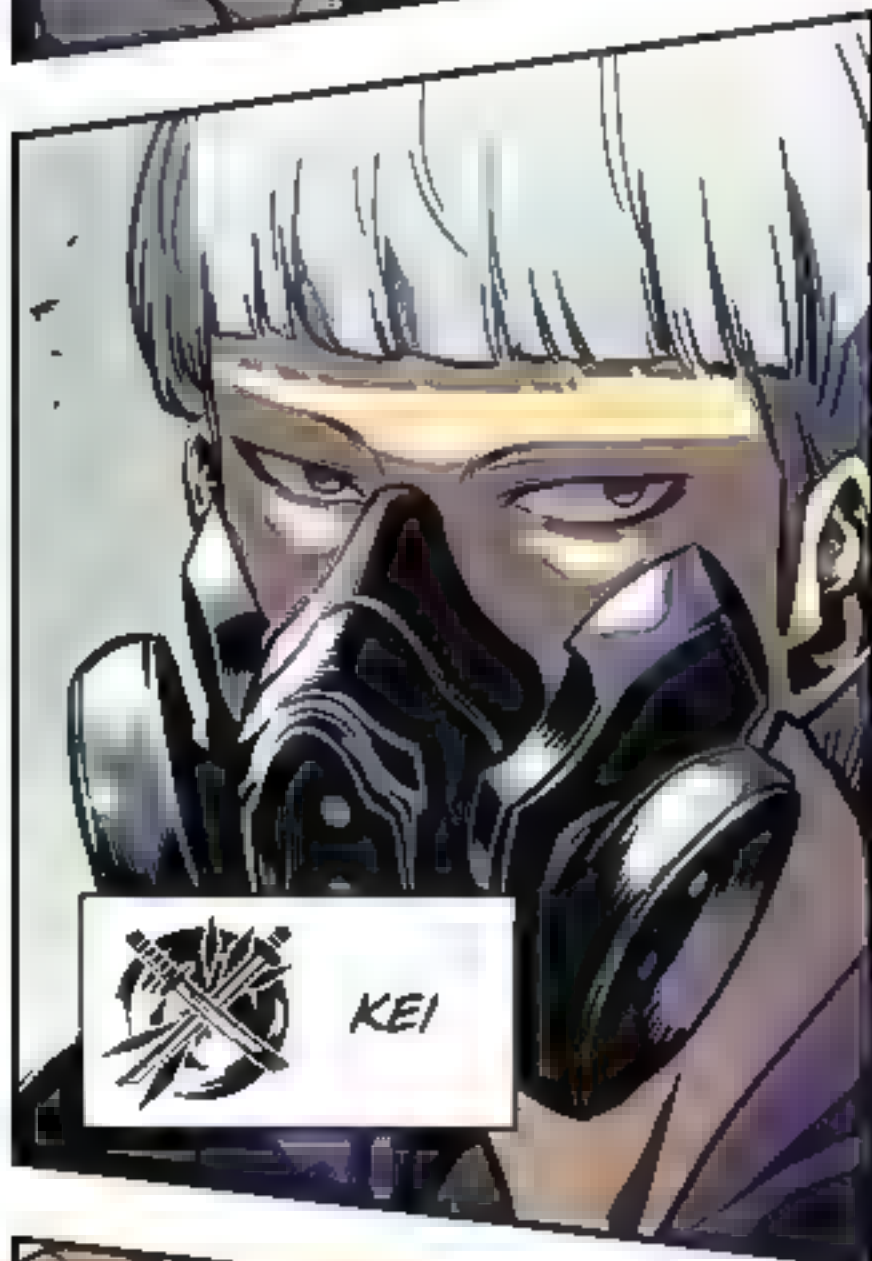


MARI ISHIDA

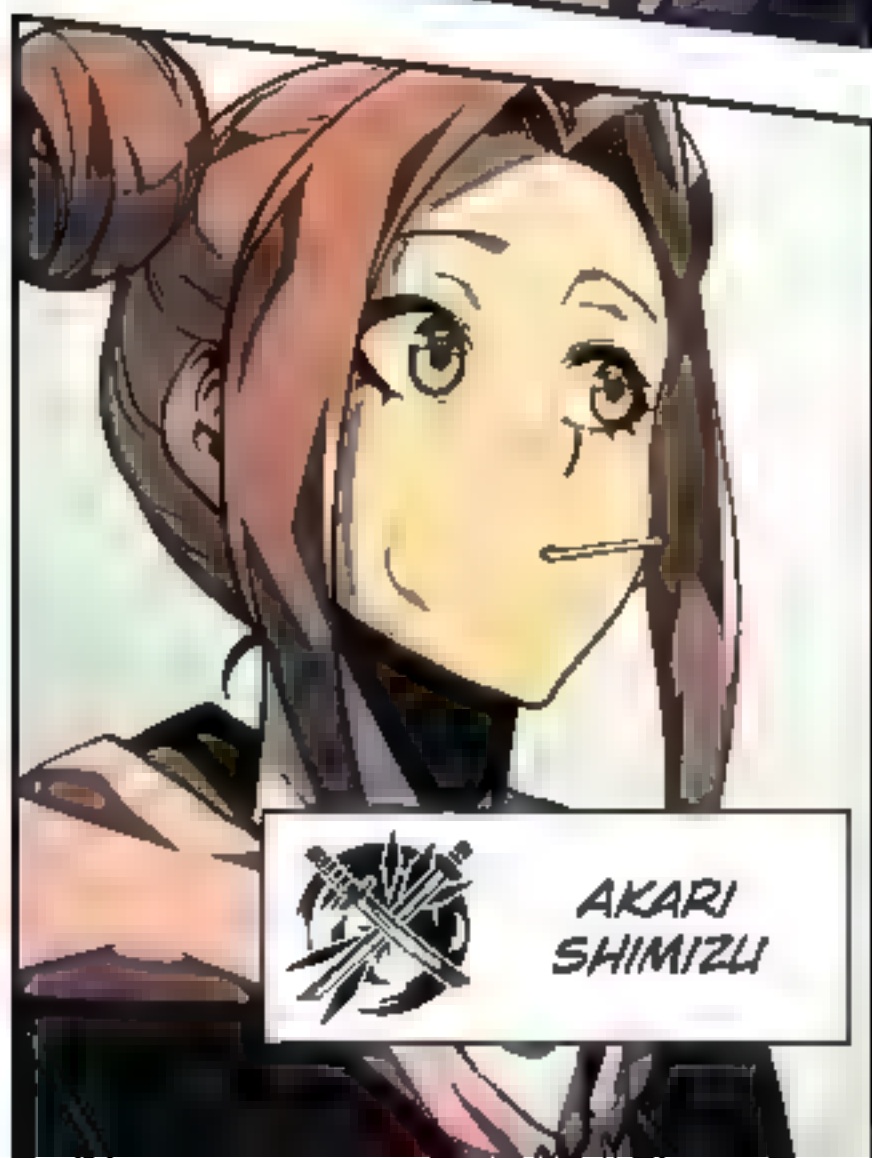




TATSUMI
FUJISHIMA



KEI



AKARI
SHIMIZU

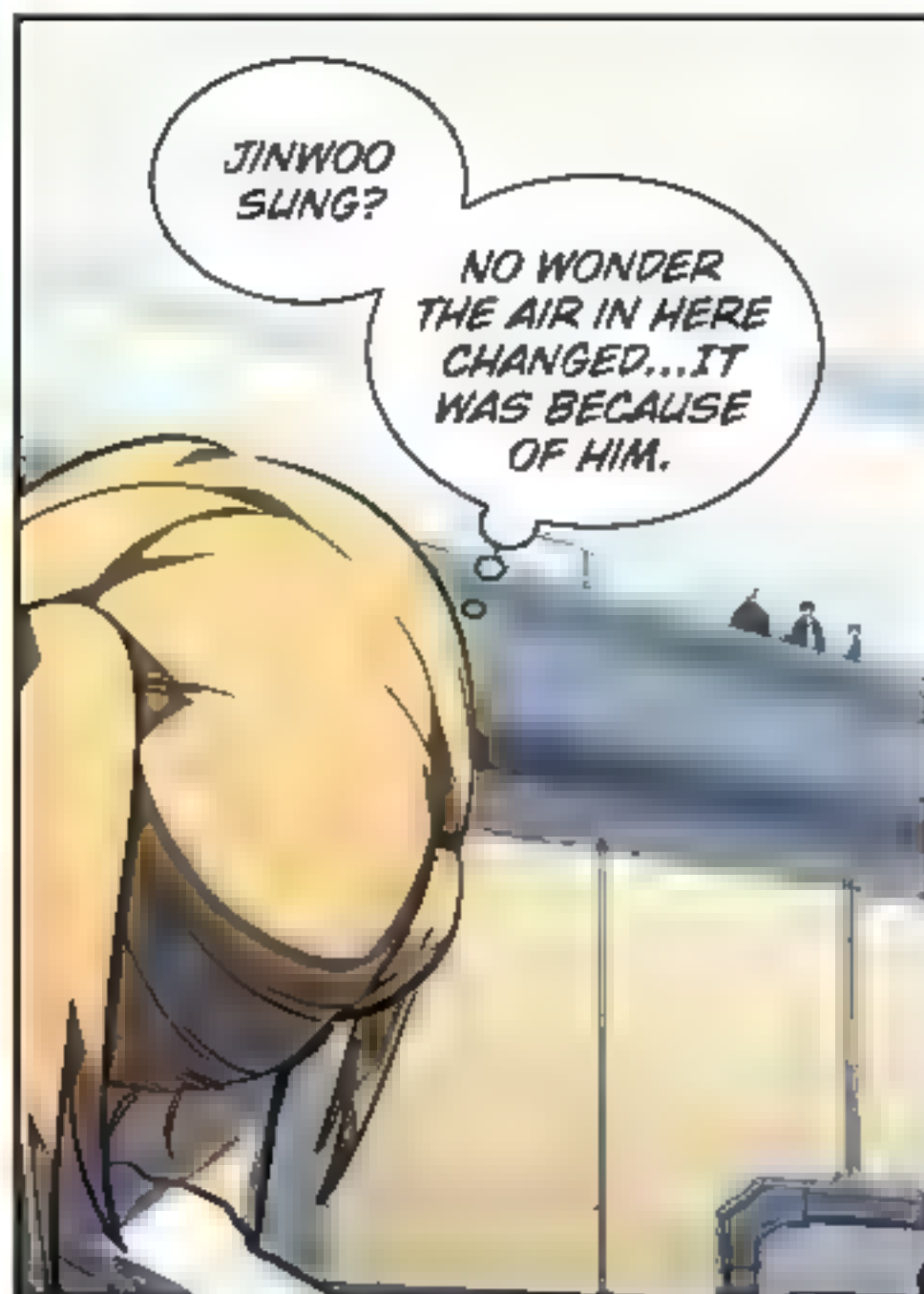


...RYUJI GOTO
AND THE JAPANESE
S-RANK HUNTERS.



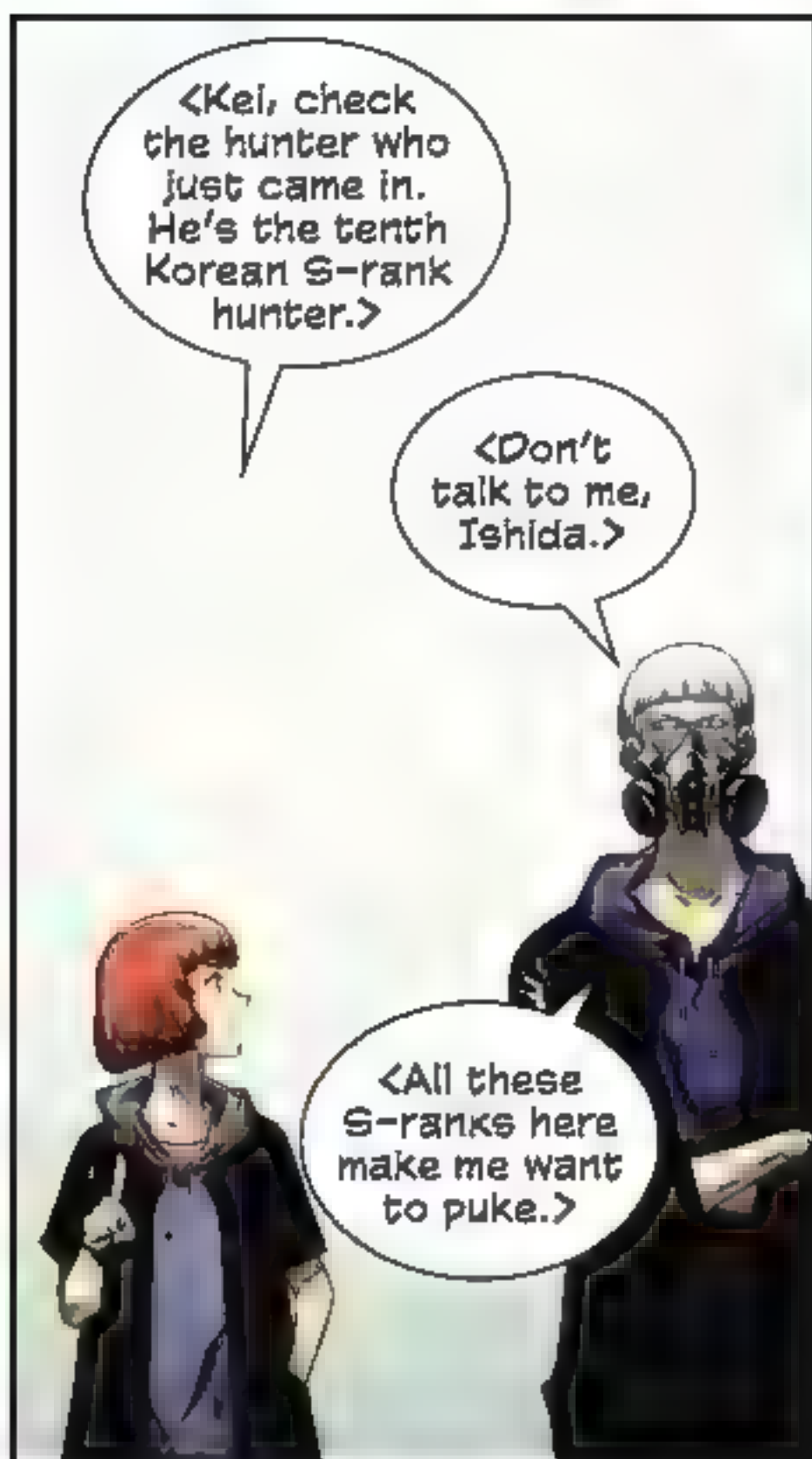


LOOK
WHO'S HERE.
JINWOO SUNG, THE
ONE WHO STOLE THE
SPOTLIGHT FROM
MINSUNG.



JINWOO
SUNG?

NO WONDER
THE AIR IN HERE
CHANGED...IT
WAS BECAUSE
OF HIM.



<Kei, check
the hunter who
just came in.
He's the tenth
Korean S-rank
hunter.>

<Don't
talk to me,
Ishida.>

<All these
S-ranks here
make me want
to puke.>



<Looks like
this Korean
is sensitive
to smells
like me.>

<Her
perception
must be lower than
mine if she can
block it with just
a handker-
chief.>

<If I
suddenly
start talking
to her, will she
think I'm hitting
on her?>

<I wish
I spoke
Korean...>



<These are
the best
Korea has to
offer?>

<No need
to see the
others.>



<You think
so?>

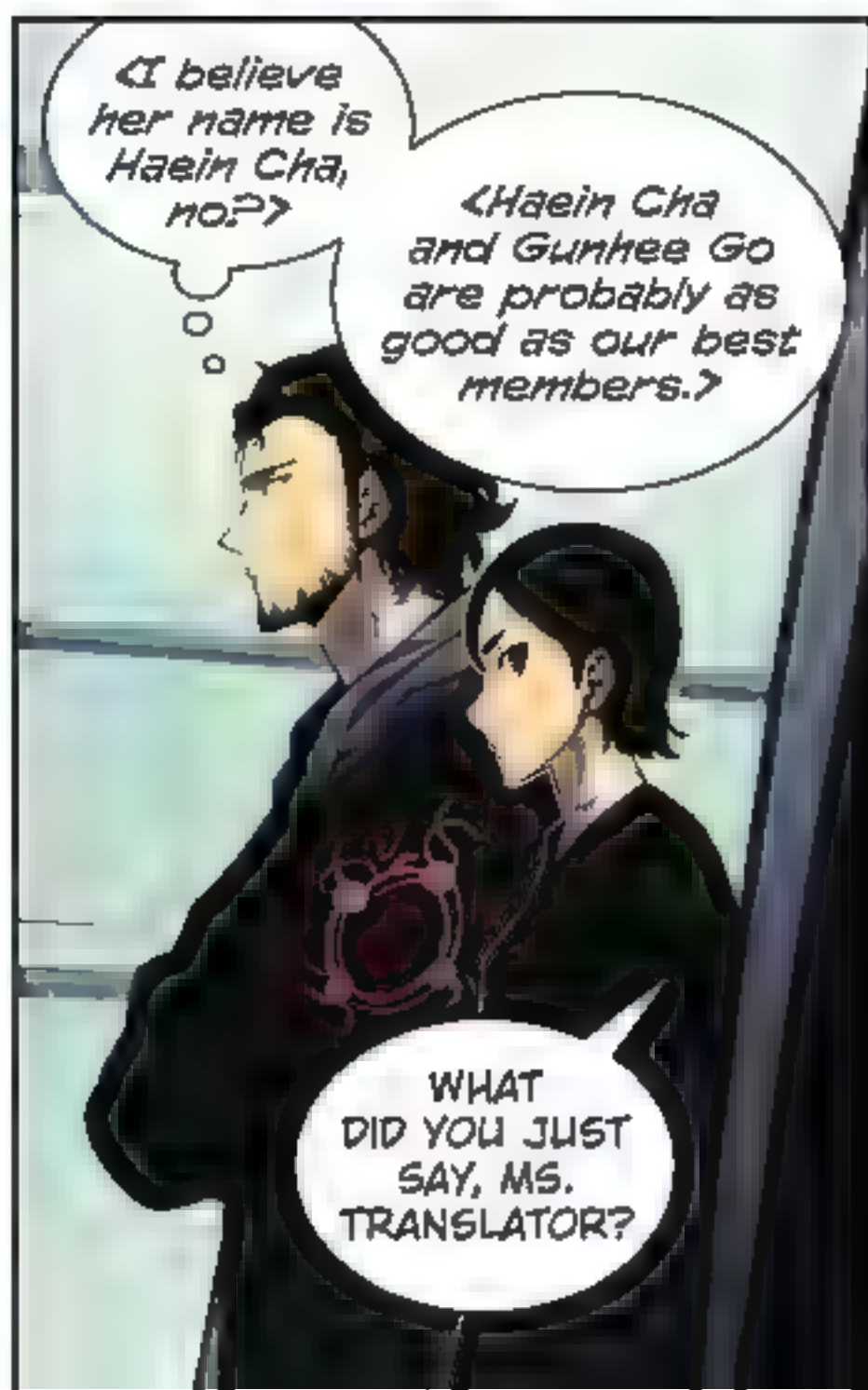
<I've observed
you in raids.>

<I don't think
regular S-ranks
are going to
cut it.>



<That's not
true.>

<There's
a pretty
good hunter
here.>



<I believe
her name is
Haein Cha,
no?>

<Haein Cha
and Gunhee Go
are probably as
good as our best
members.>

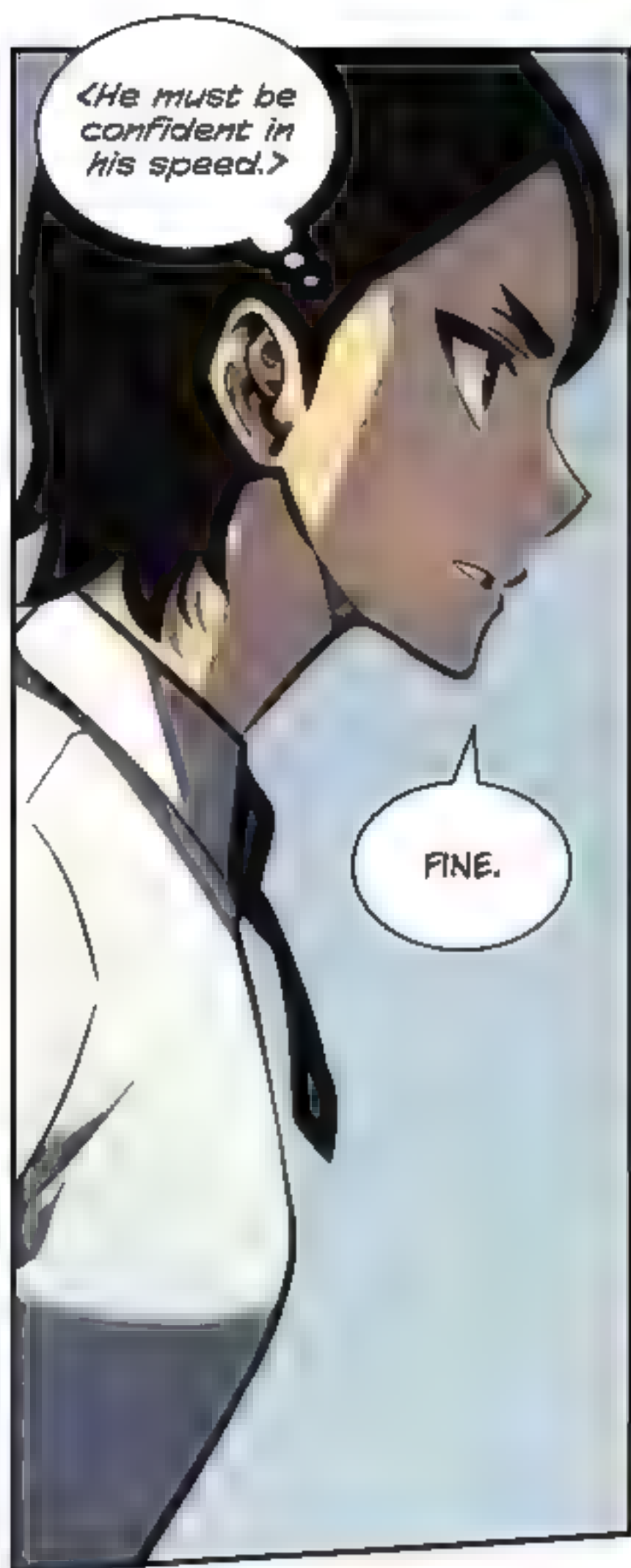
WHAT
DID YOU JUST
SAY, MS.
TRANSLATOR?







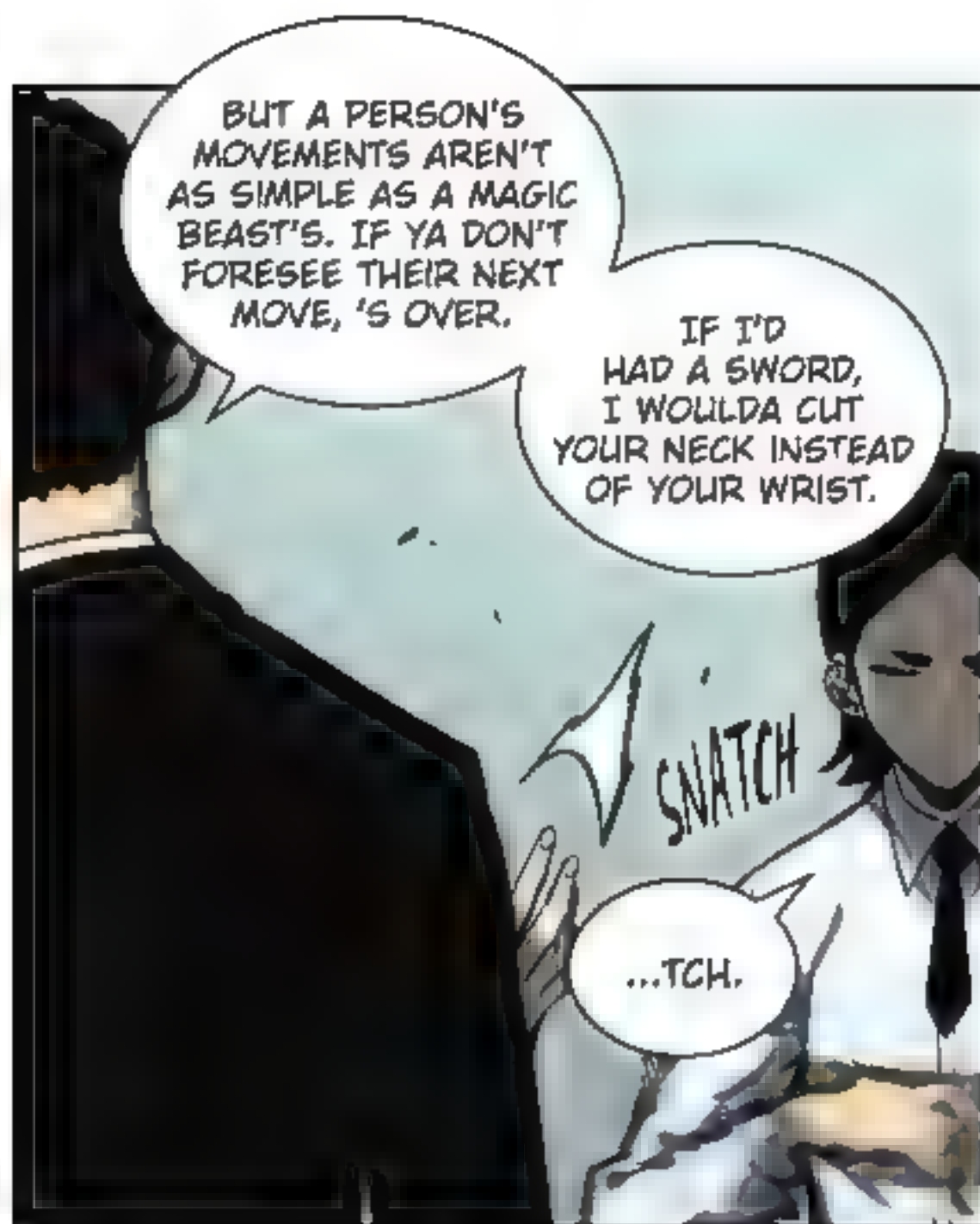
















<So the team that takes out the other's member first will gain the advantage.>

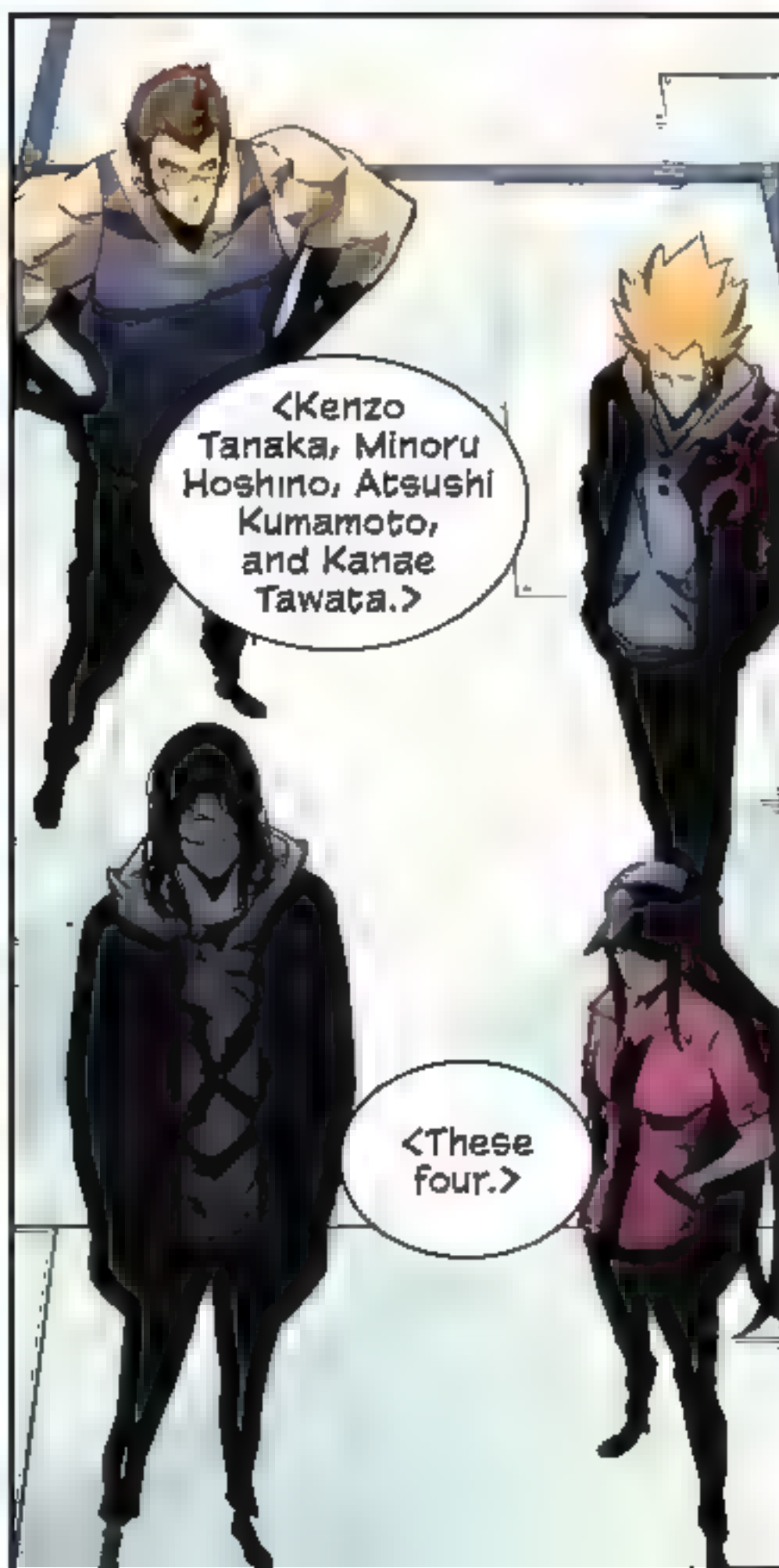
<I guess the wrist rule is too favorable to an assassin-class hunter...>

<Fine. Let's do it.>



HUNTER
YOONHO BAEK,
DONGWOOK MA,
HAEIN CHA,
AND TAEGYU LIM
WILL BE ON TEAM
KOREA.

WHO WILL
BE ON TEAM
JAPAN?



<Kenzo Tanaka, Minoru Hoshino, Atsushi Kumamoto, and Kanae Tawata.>

<These four.>

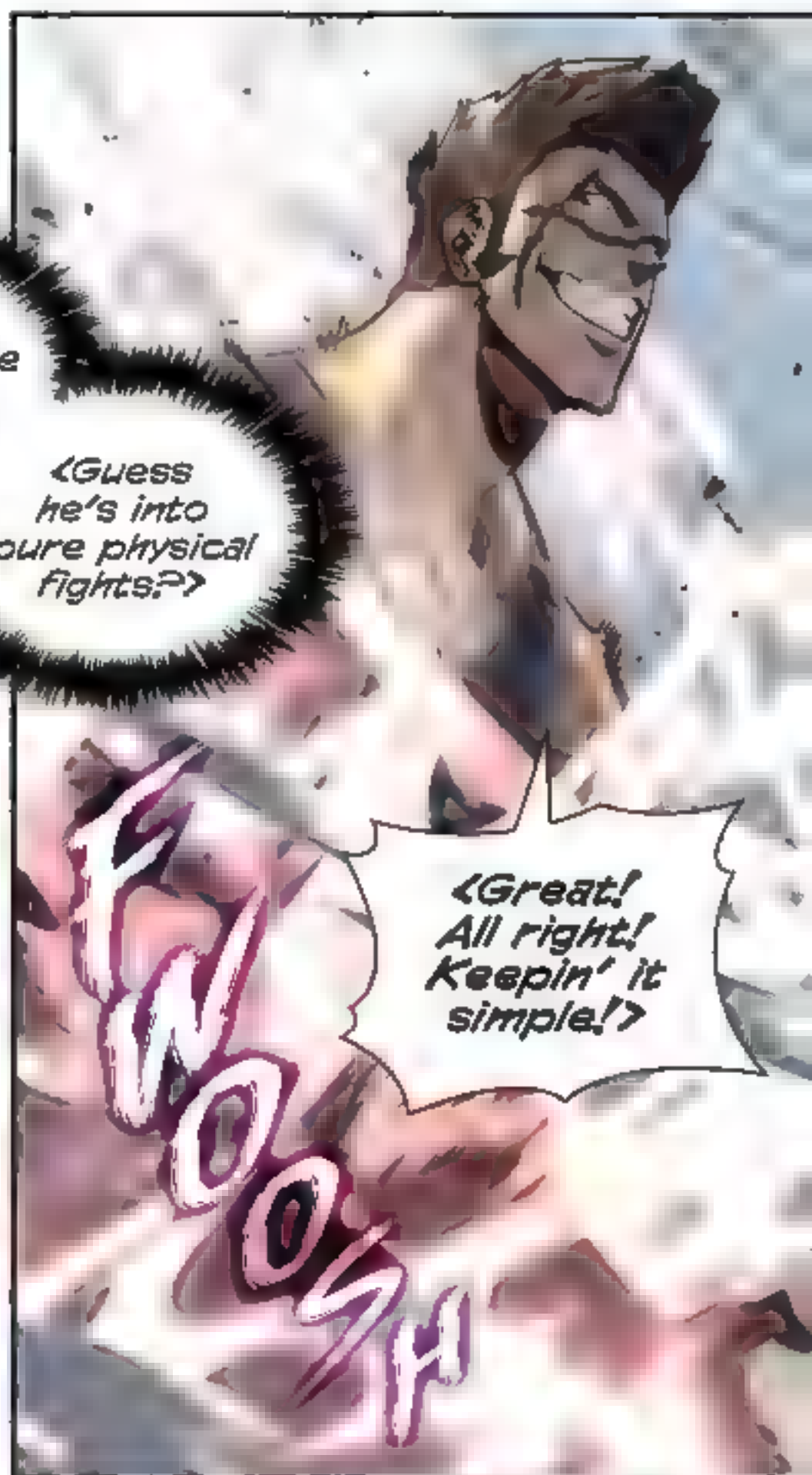




BEGIN!!

<Dongwook
Ma can make
his body
bigger!>

<Guess
he's into
pure physical
fights?>



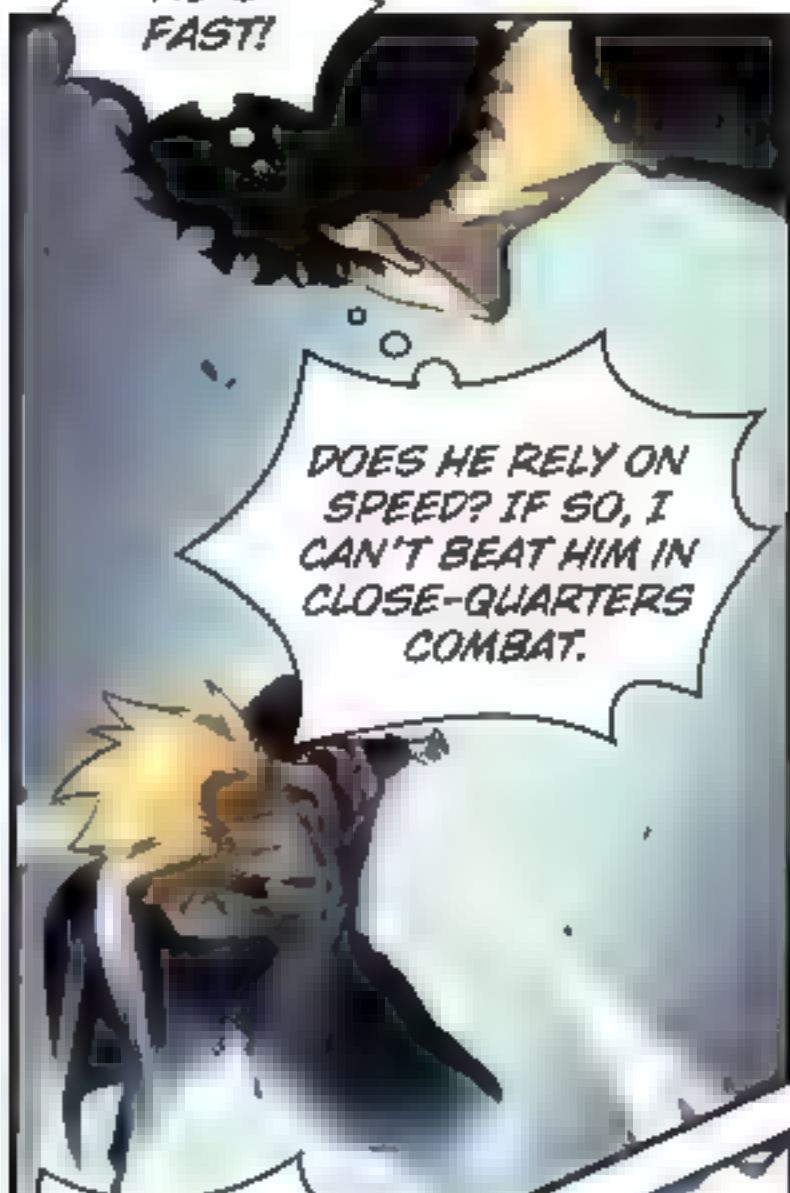
<Great!
All right!
Keepin' it
simple!>



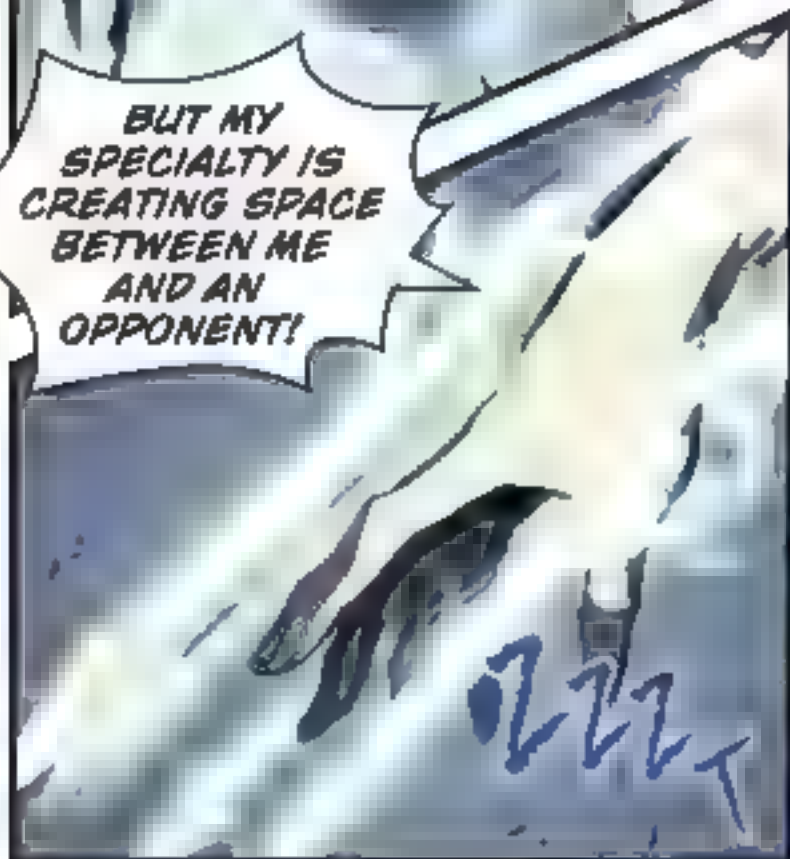
<Let's
see who's
stronger!>



HE'S
FAST!



BUT MY
SPECIALTY IS
CREATING SPACE
BETWEEN ME
AND AN
OPPONENT!





*<Tch, a
long-range
fighter?>*

BOOM

BOOM

*<Right.
This isn't a
one-on-one
battle.>*

*<I just hope
Hoshino gets
rid of that guy
quickly!>*

BOOM

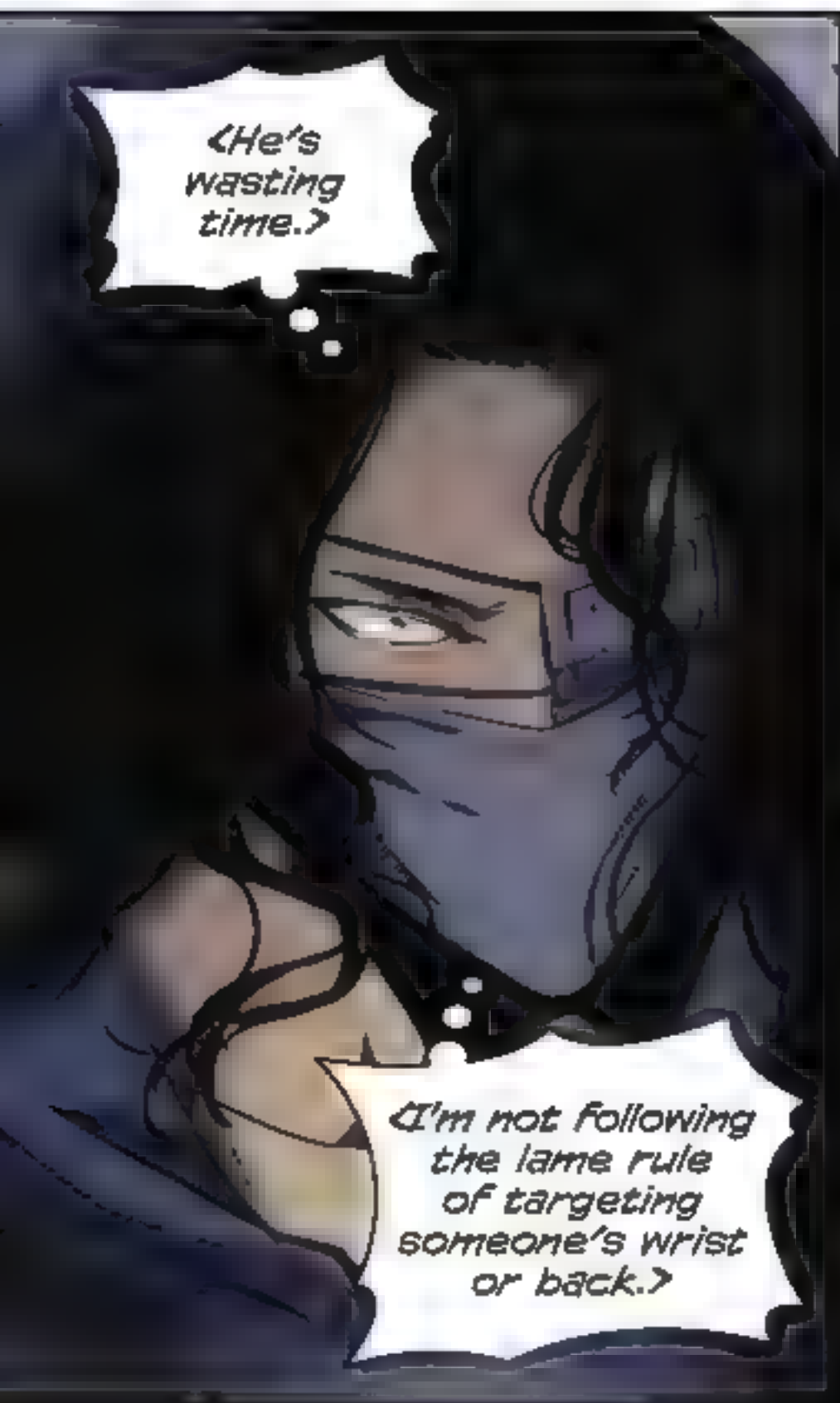
THIS FACILITY HAS
BEEN BUILT WITH
THE BEST-QUALITY
MANA STONES...

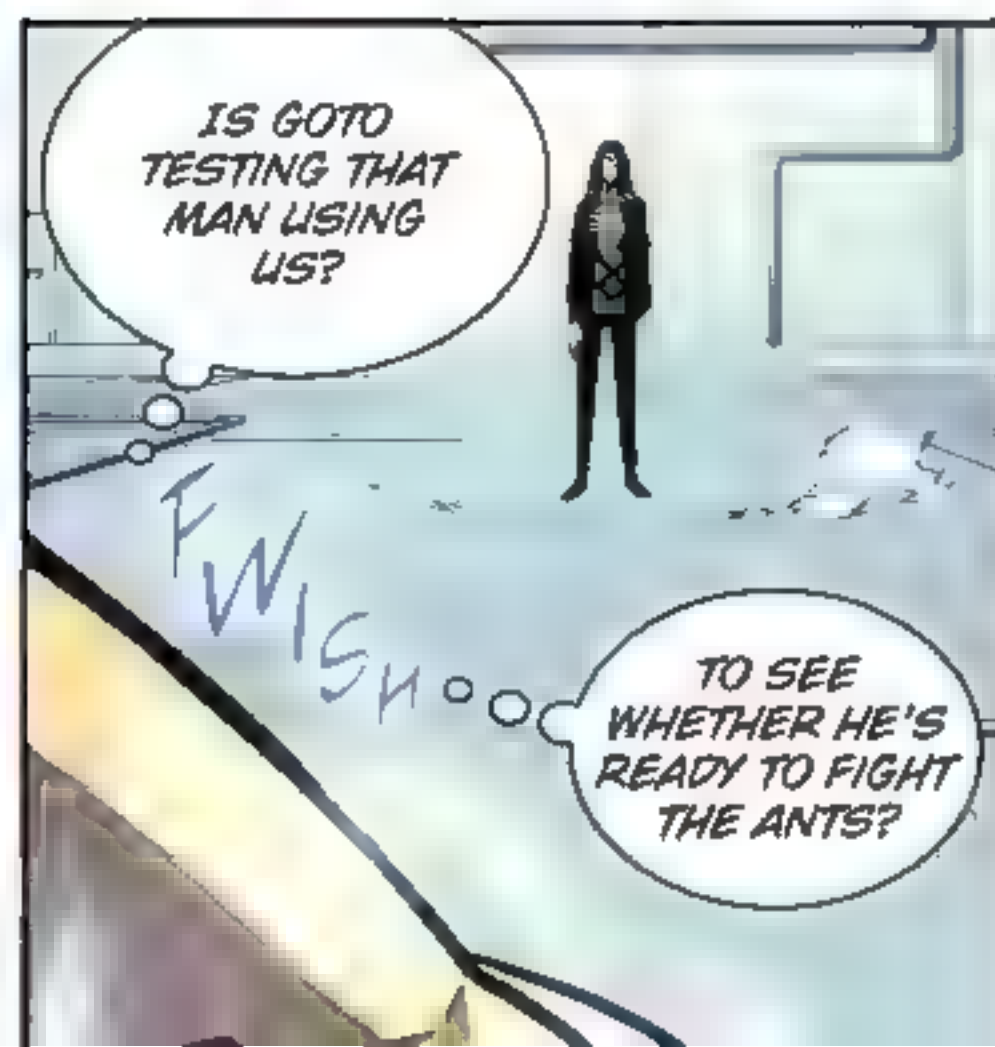
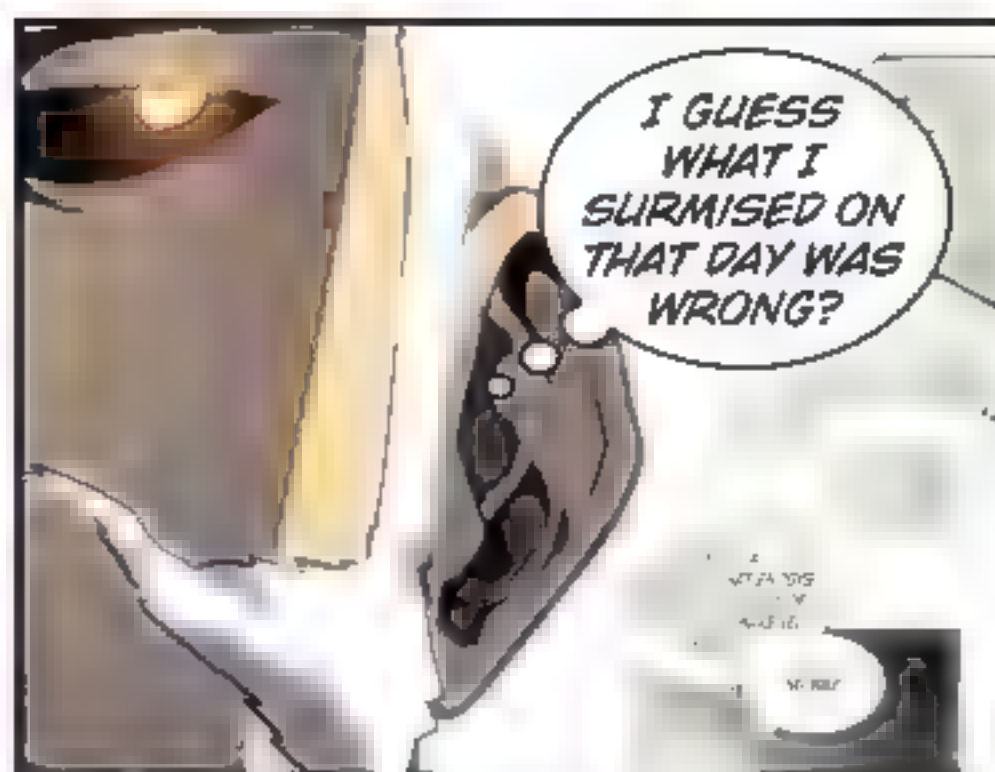
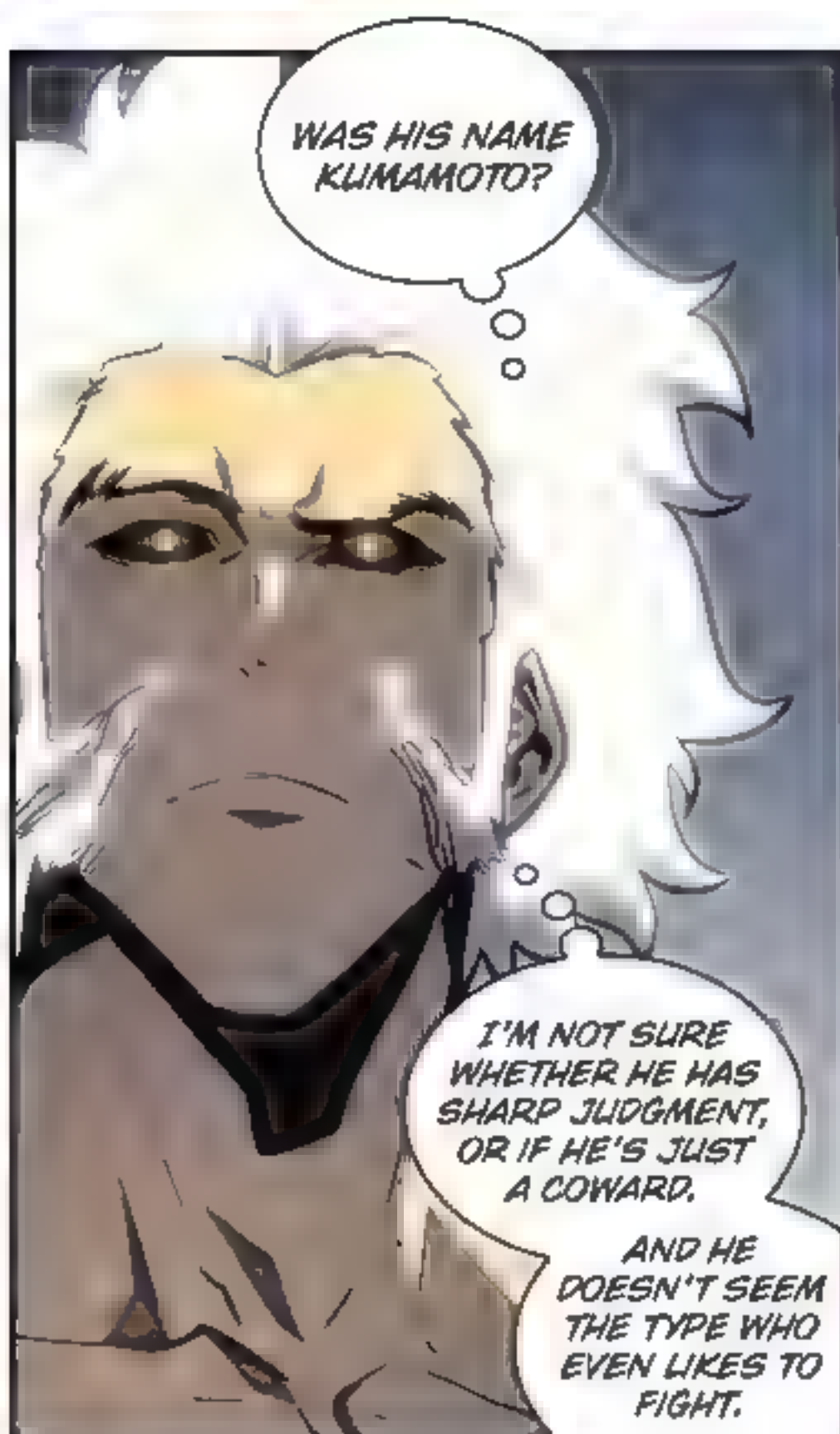
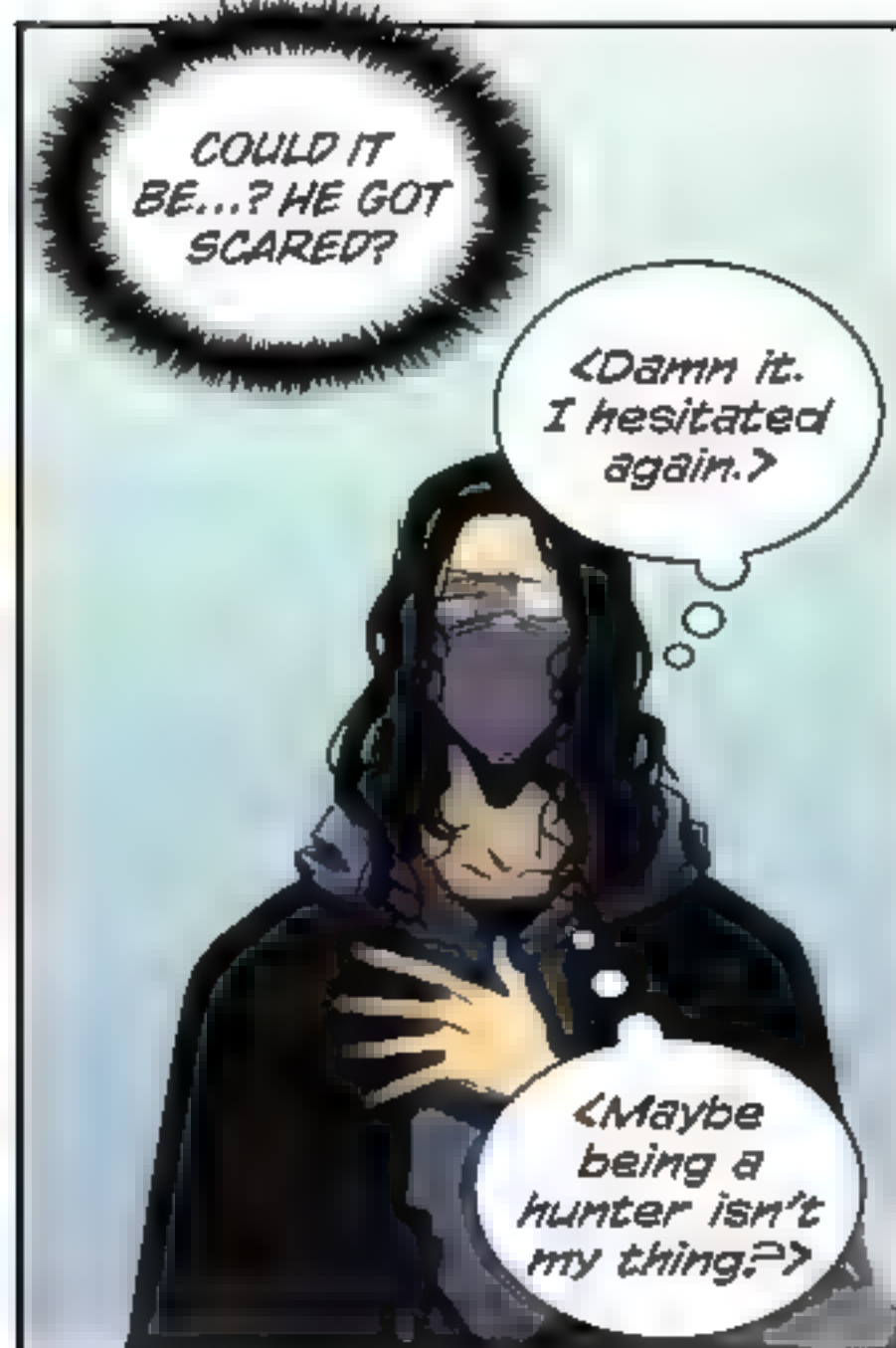
REGULAR
HUNTERS DON'T
EVEN CAUSE A DENT.
BUT THEY'VE TRASHED
THIS PLACE IN A
NANOSECONDS.

I HATE NOT
BEING ABLE TO
PARTICIPATE AND
HAVING TO DRIVE
THESE YOUNG
PEOPLE TO
BATTLE...

OUR
OPPONENTS ARE
THE STRONGEST
HUNTERS
EVEN AMONG
S-RANKS!

I NEED TO
APPROACH THIS
FIGHT LIKE I'M
TRYING TO BREAK
THEIR WRISTS,
NOT JUST GRAB
THEM!

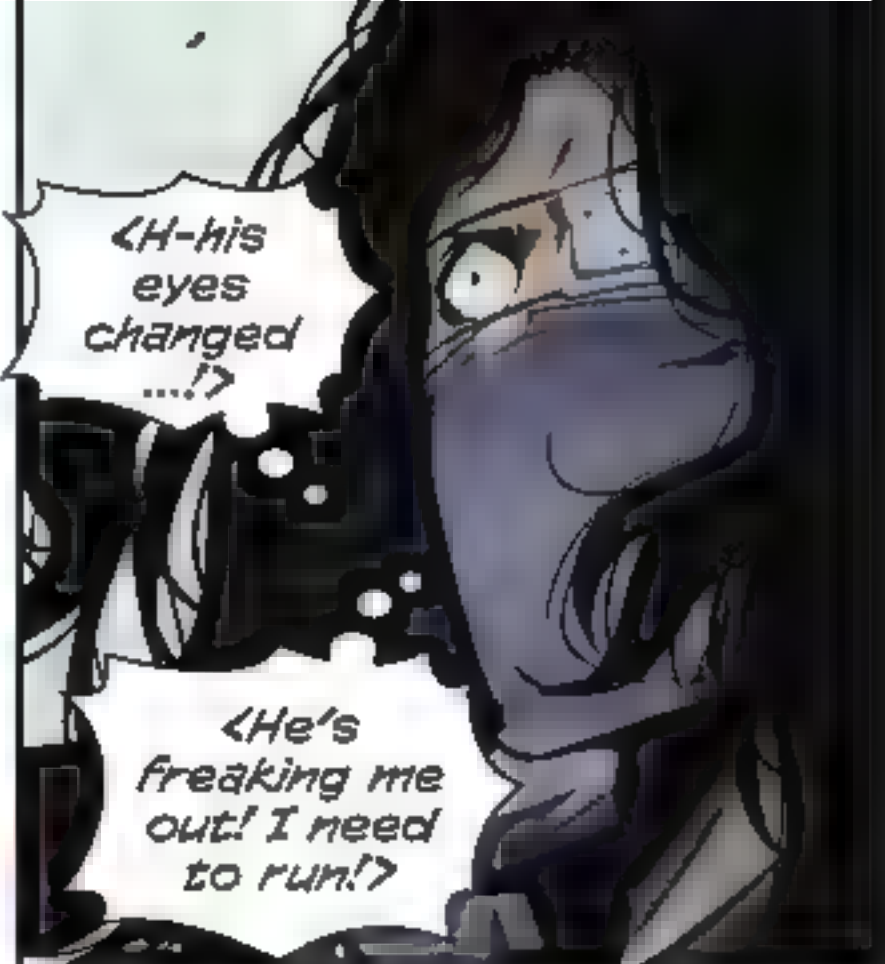






A TEST
AGAINST
ME...?!

JUST
A LITTLE...
I'LL GIVE IT
MY ALL!

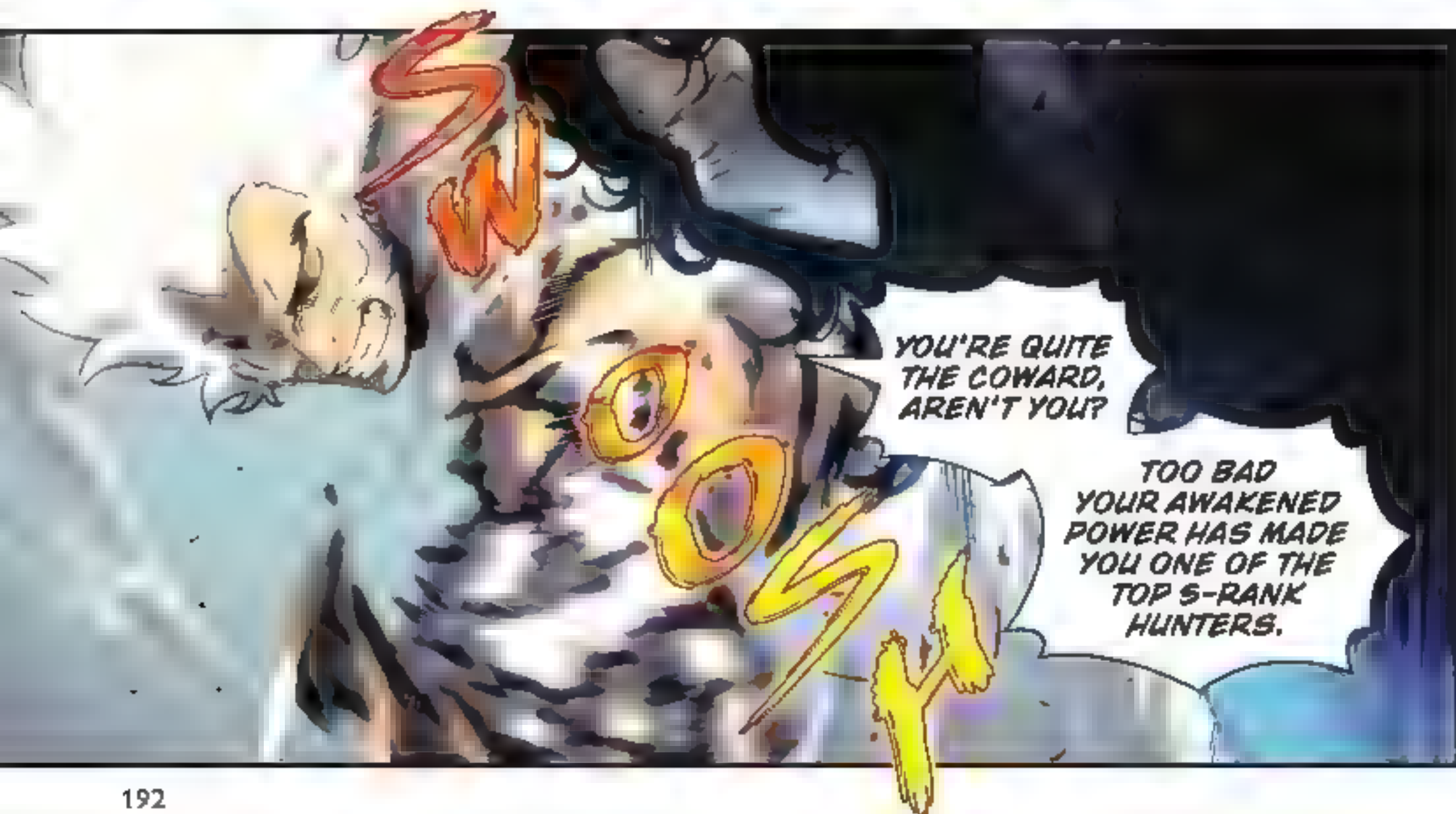


<H-his
eyes
changed
...!>

<He's
freaking me
out! I need
to run!>



LEAP



YOU'RE QUITE
THE COWARD,
AREN'T YOU?

TOO BAD
YOUR AWAKENED
POWER HAS MADE
YOU ONE OF THE
TOP S-RANK
HUNTERS.







<Argh!>

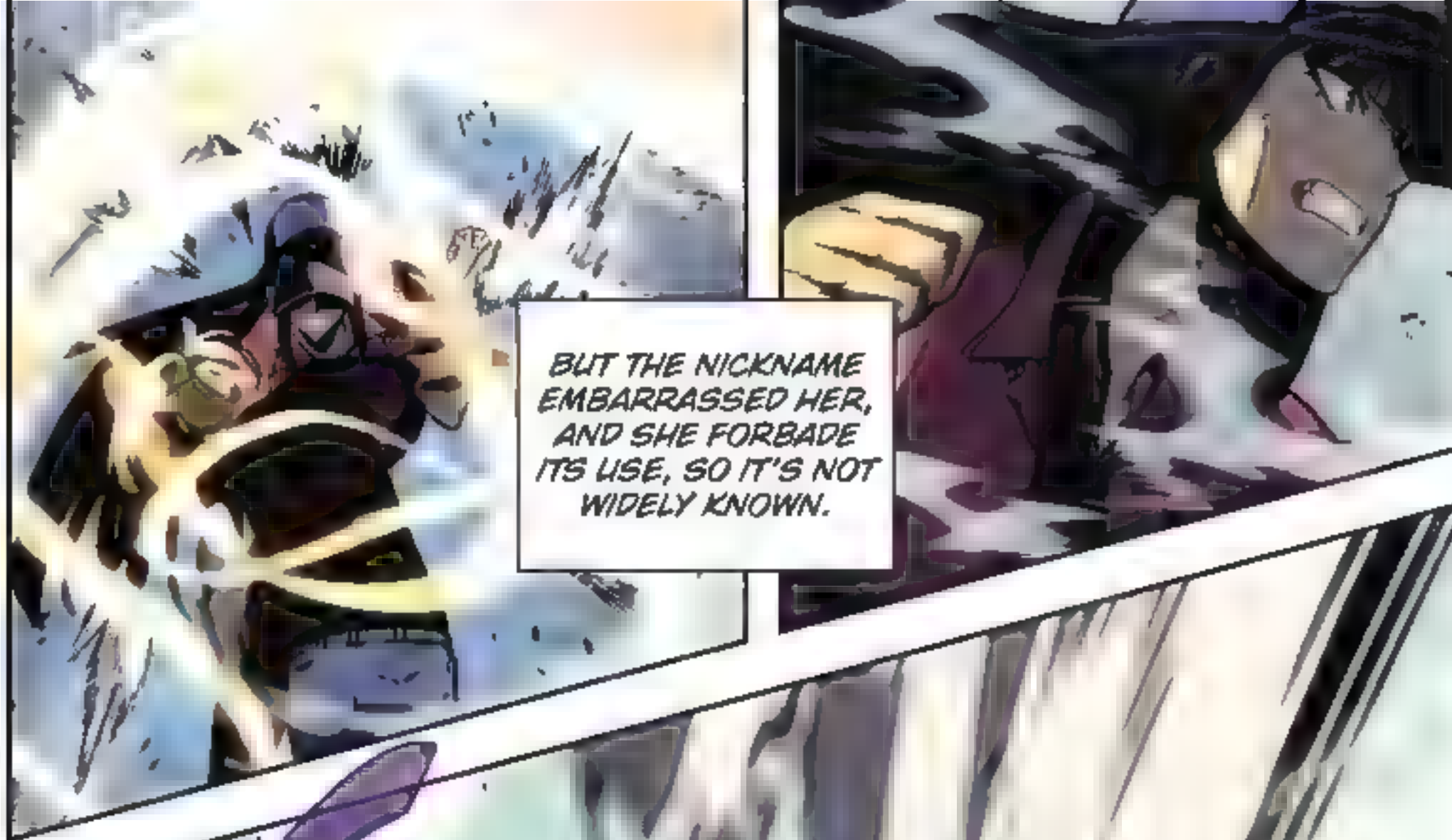


*<I knew
she was fast,
but that's
not all it is.>*

*<I can't
read her
patterns.>*

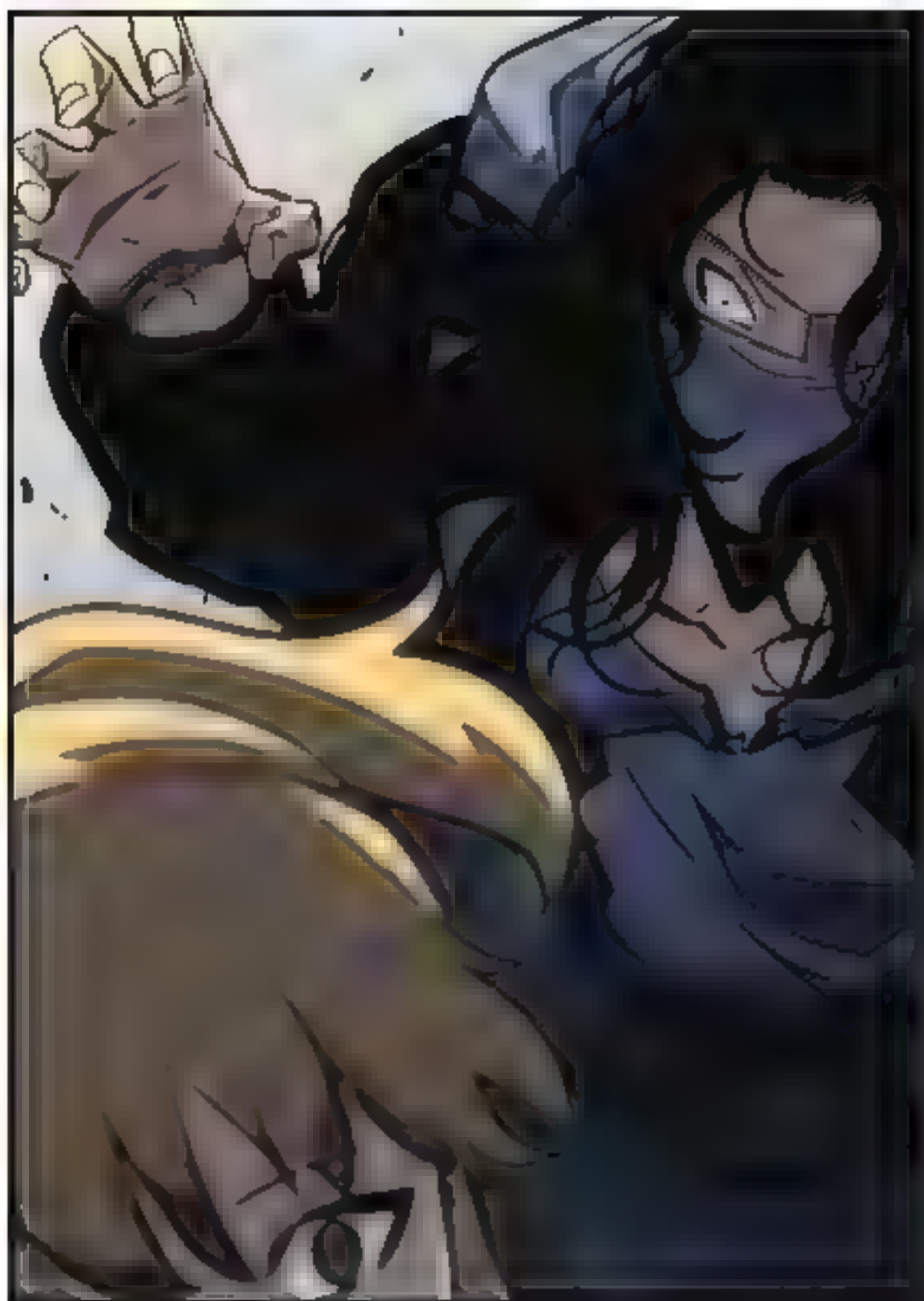
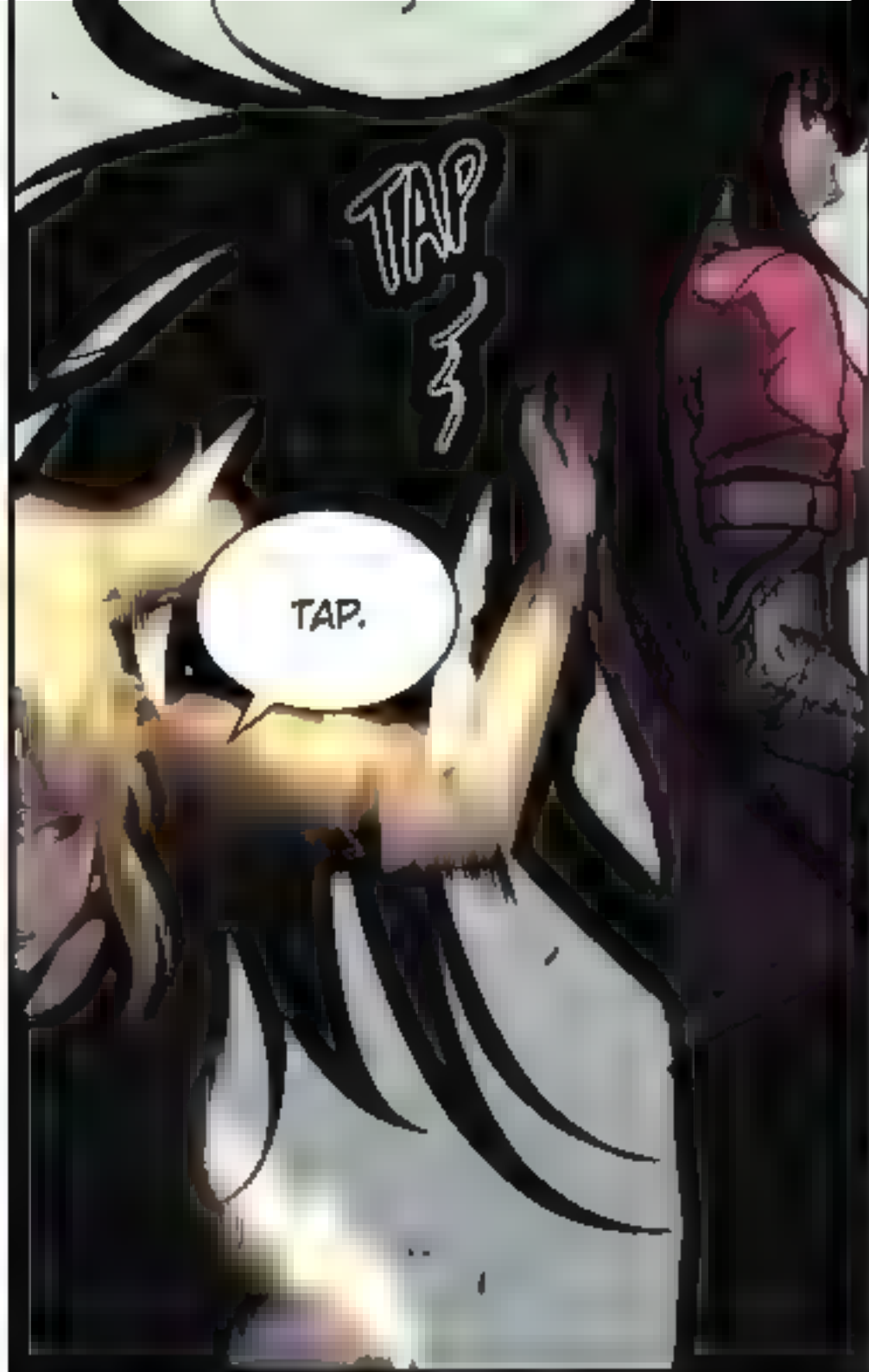
HAEIN CHA'S
NICKNAME IS
THE DANCER.

SHE WAS CALLED
THAT BECAUSE
OF HER QUICK
CHOREOGRAPHY AS
SHE CUT DOWN
MAGIC BEASTS.



BUT THE NICKNAME
EMBARRASSED HER,
AND SHE FORBADE
ITS USE, SO IT'S NOT
WIDELY KNOWN.







<What is that?!>

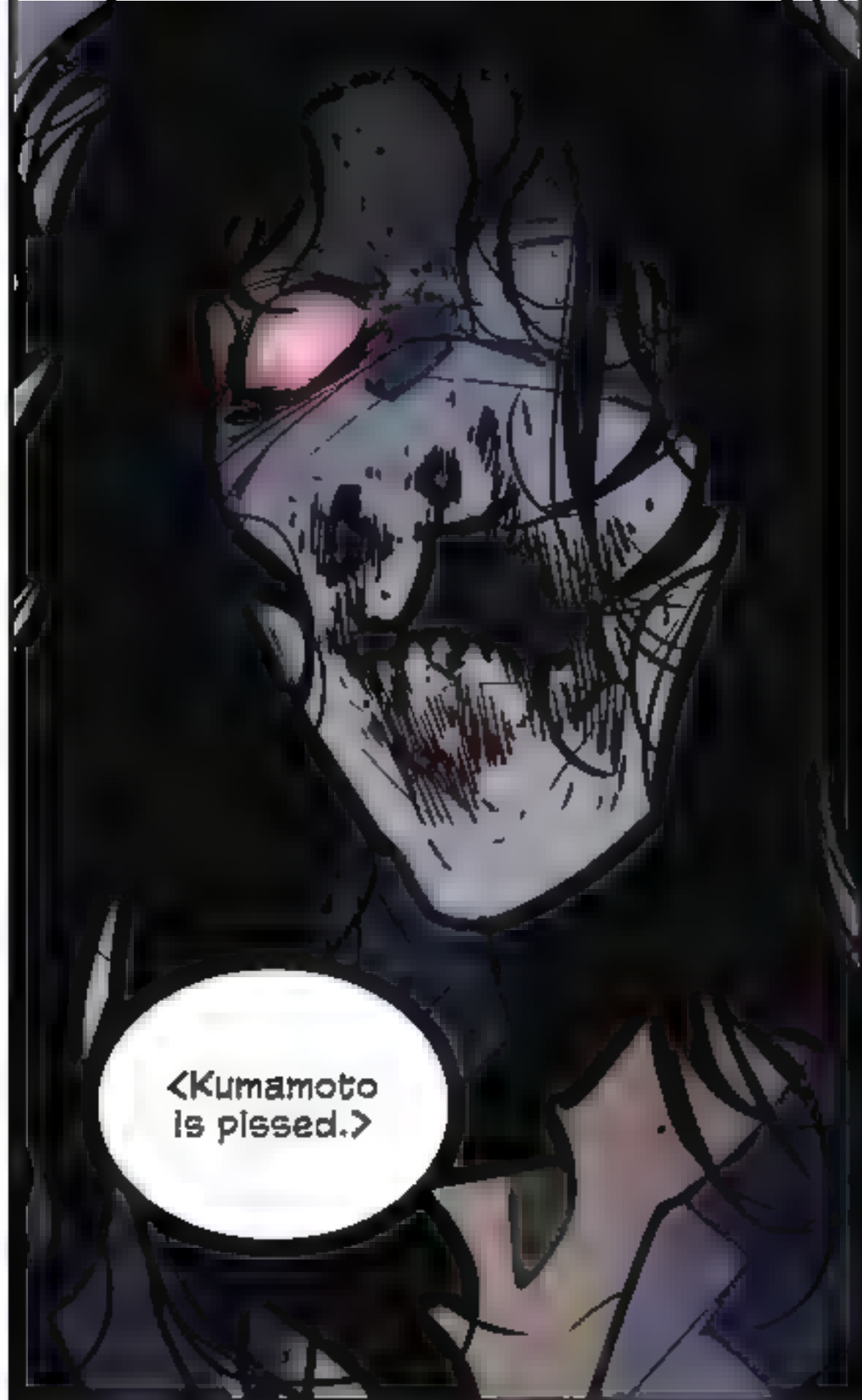
<It's like a Gatling gun.>

<How many punches did she just throw?>

<Ten? No, maybe... fourteen?>

<That many in a split second — no one can block that.>

OH NO. I PUNCHED WITHOUT THINKING.



<Kumamoto
is pissed.>



<His
personality
totally changes
when he's
mad.>

<It's not
just a change
in personality.
He loses his
mind!>

<He never
remembers
a fight.>

<He's not
suited for
a strike
squad.>

<He could
break rules or
even attack a
member.>



<Still, he can
clear a B-rank
gate all by
himself, so...>

<But what's
the point of being
an S-rank if you
can't join raids
for A-rank
gates?>



<If it seems like
he's going to
hurt the Koreans,
stop him
immediately.>

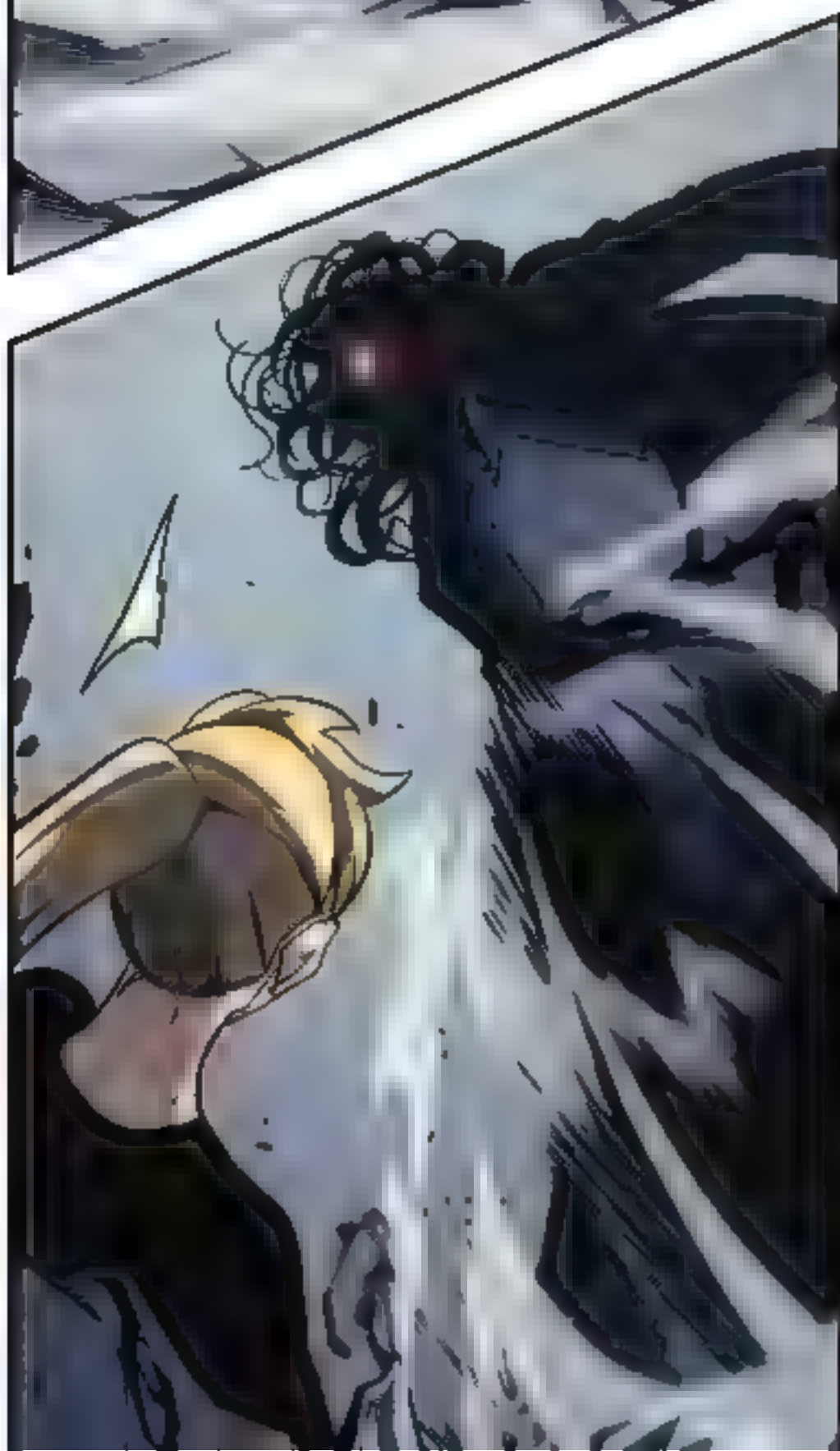
<This is just
a test.>

<Isn't it
better to
stop him
now?>

<We can't afford to pay for the damages he may cause.>



HE'S FAST...!

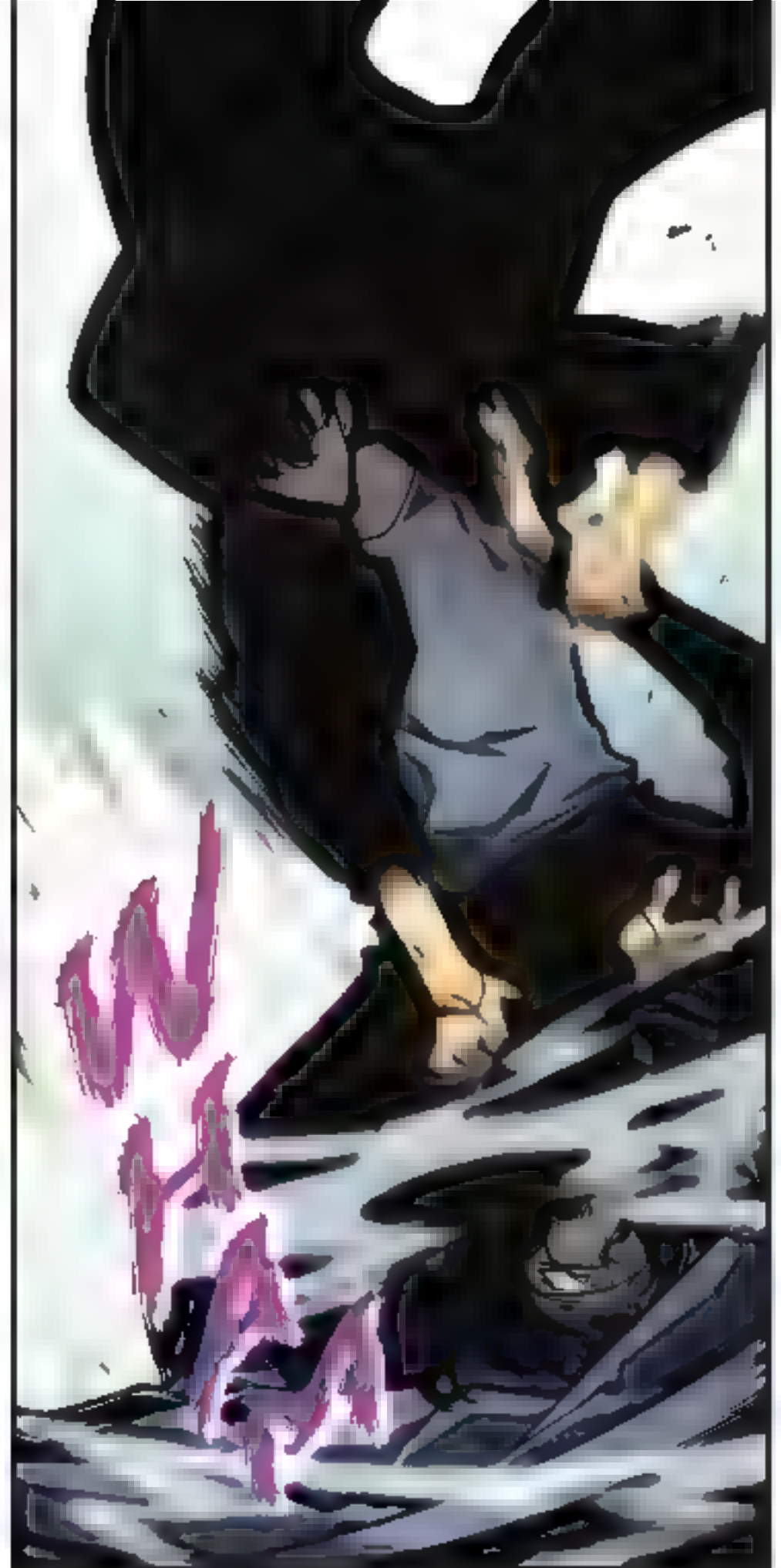


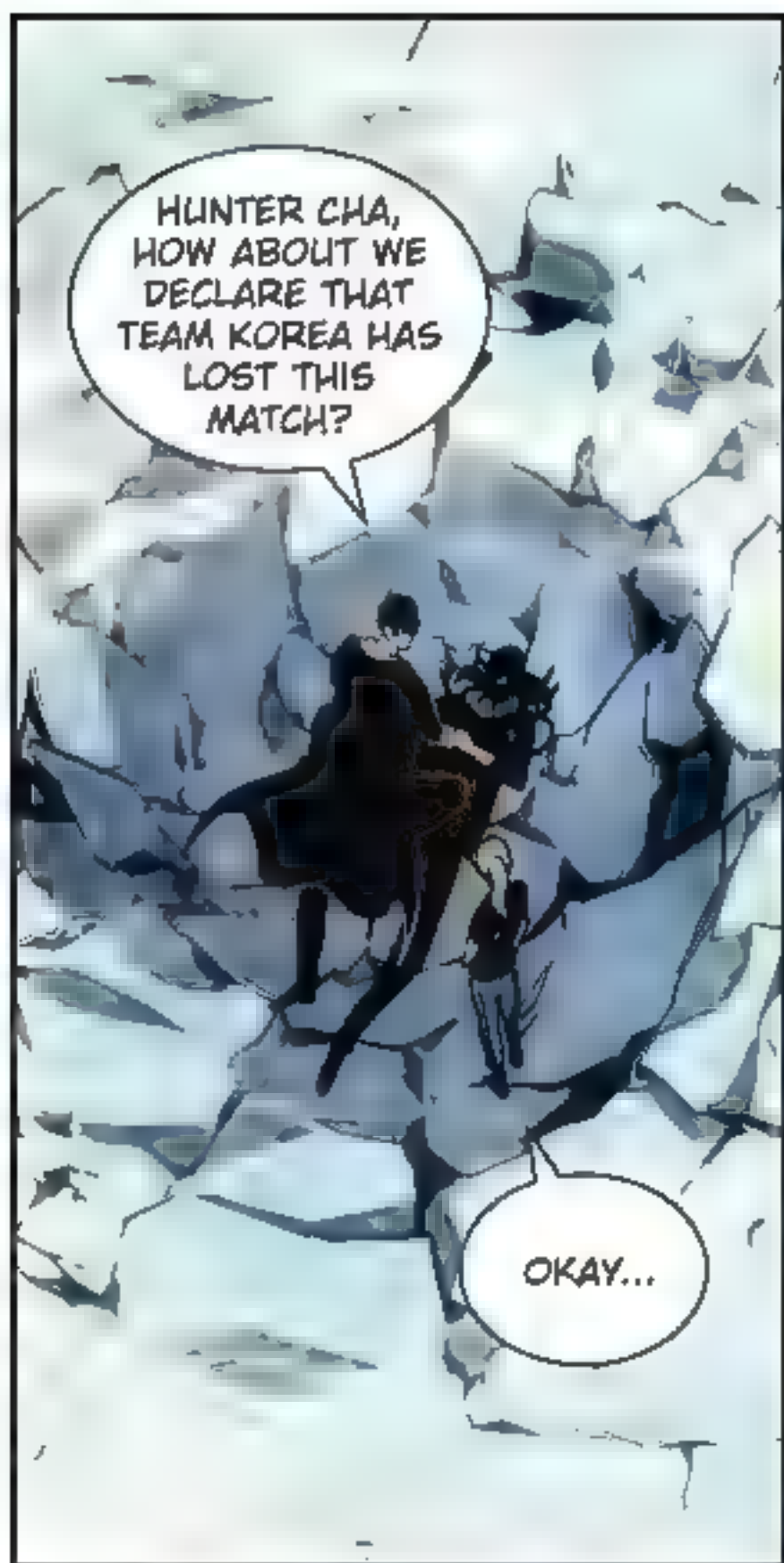


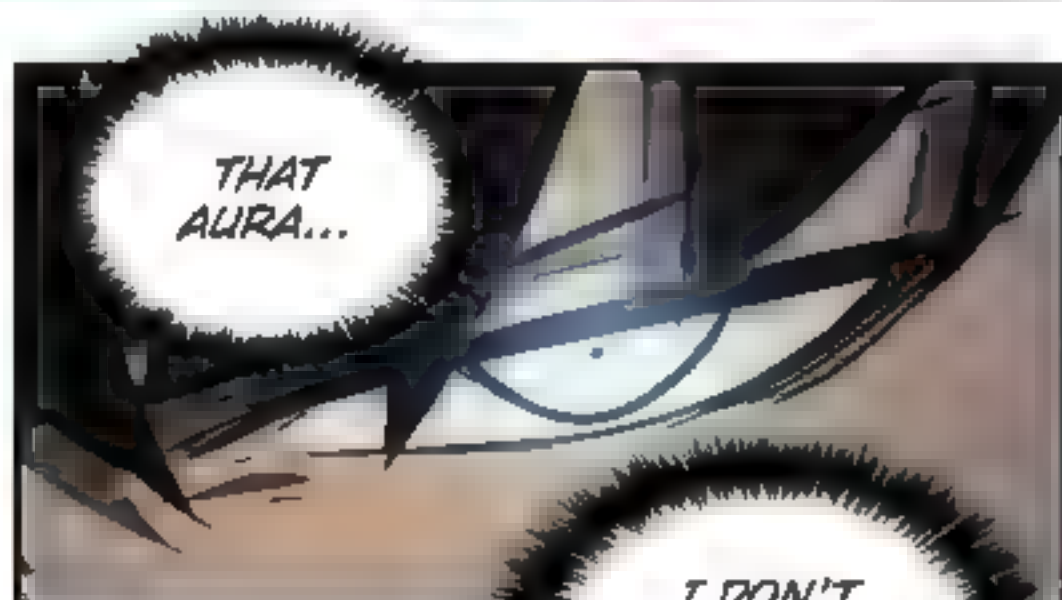
THIS WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE
A FRIENDLY MATCH,
BUT HIS HOSTILE
ENERGY IS TOO
INTENSE, SO...

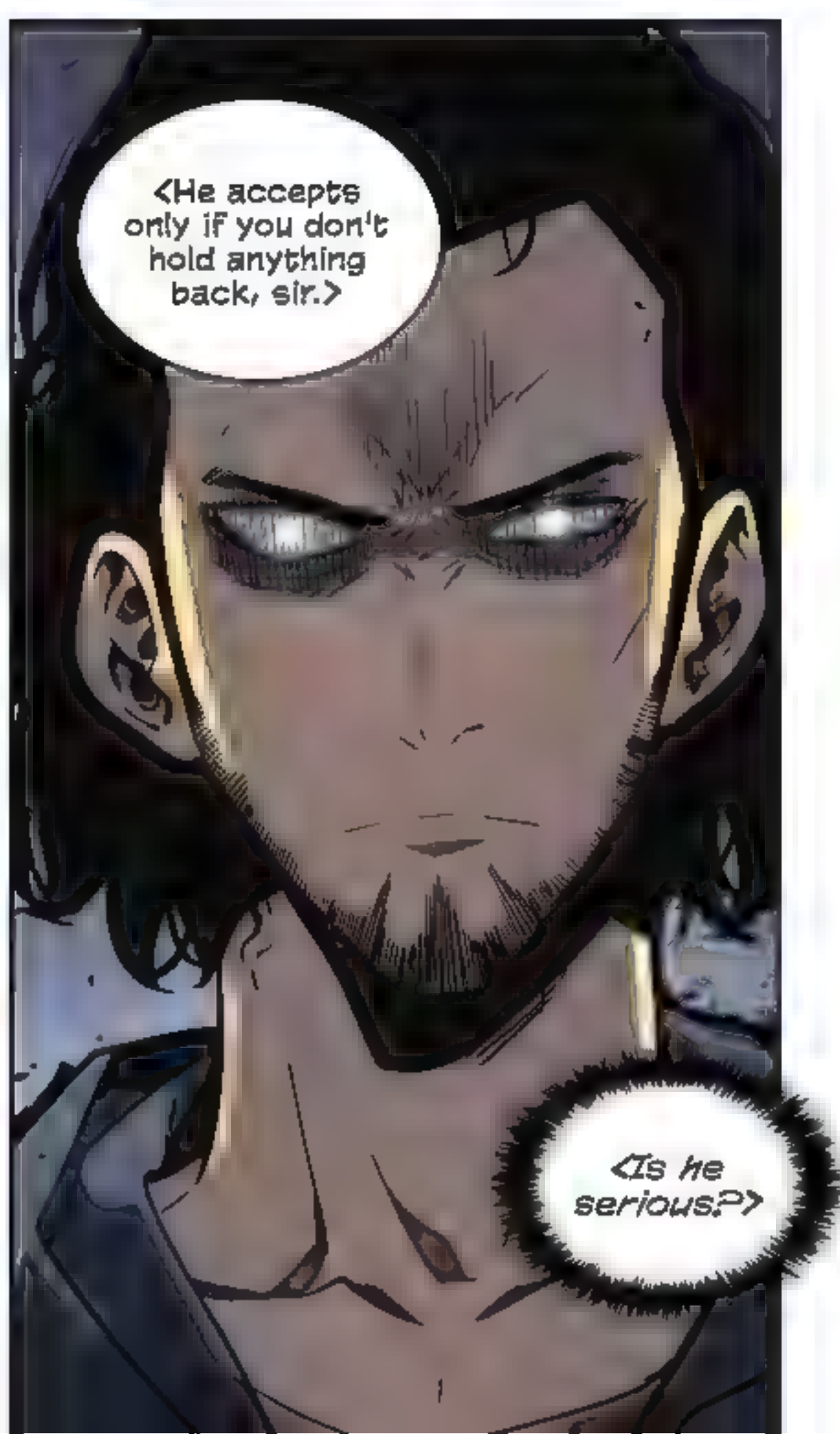
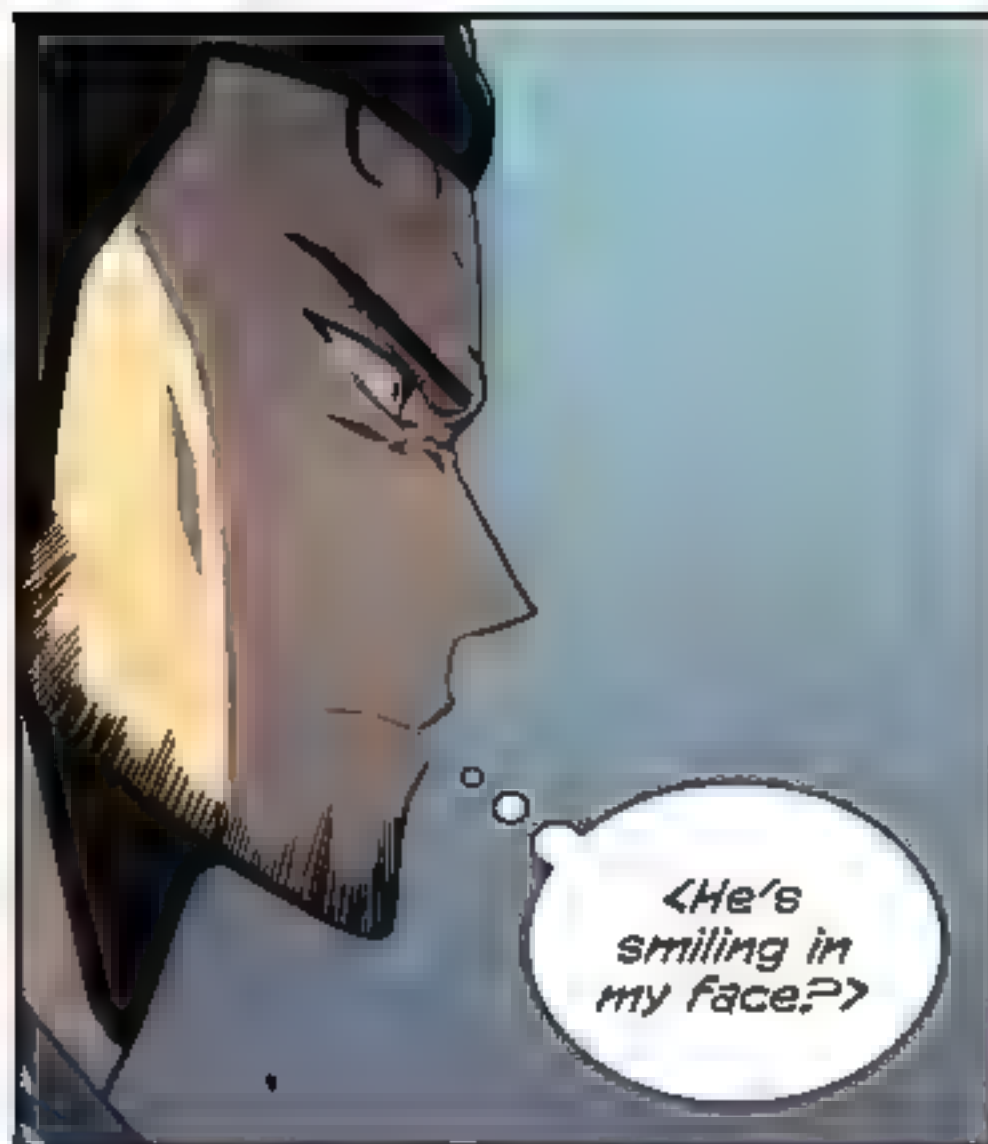
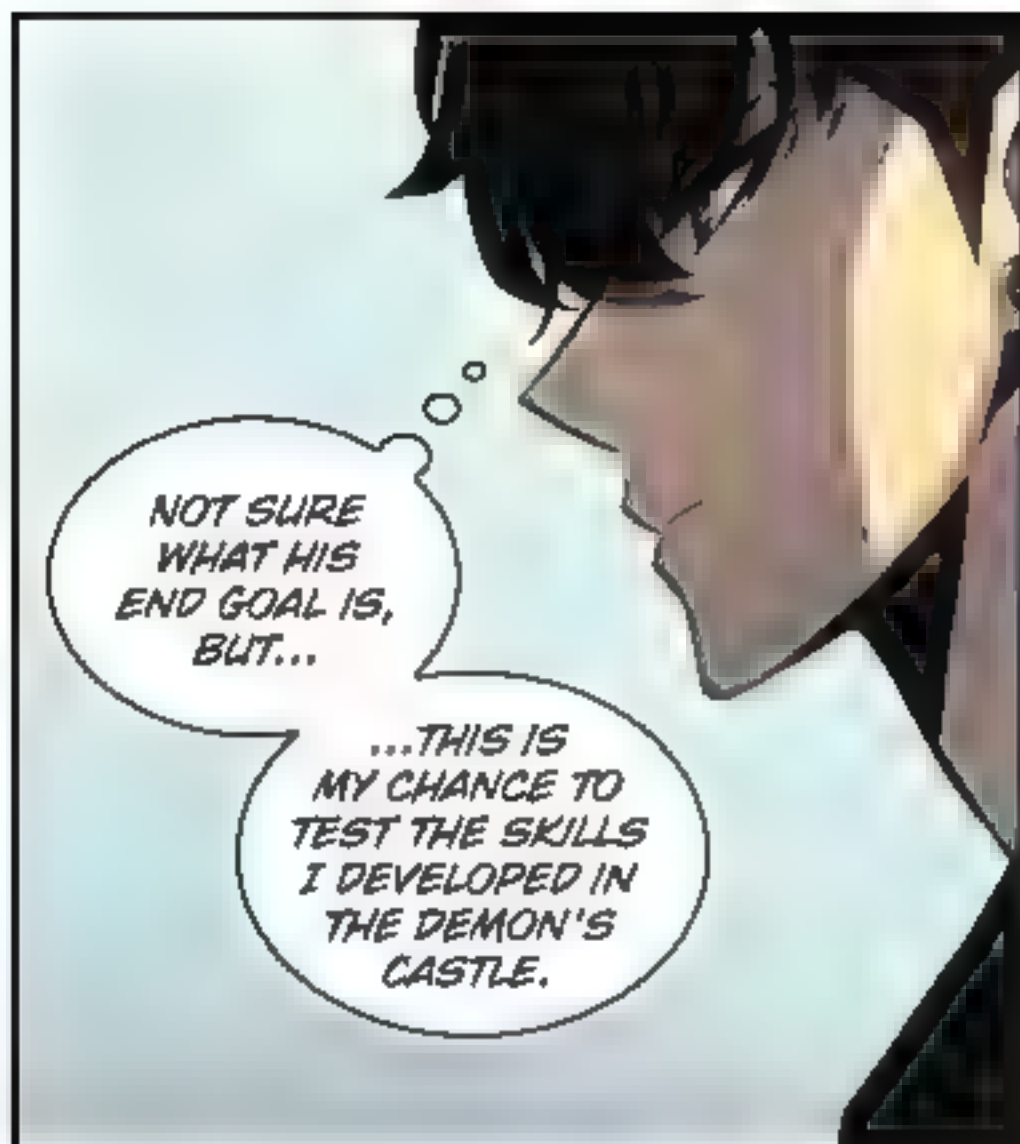


HOPE YOU
DON'T THINK
I'M MEDDLING...









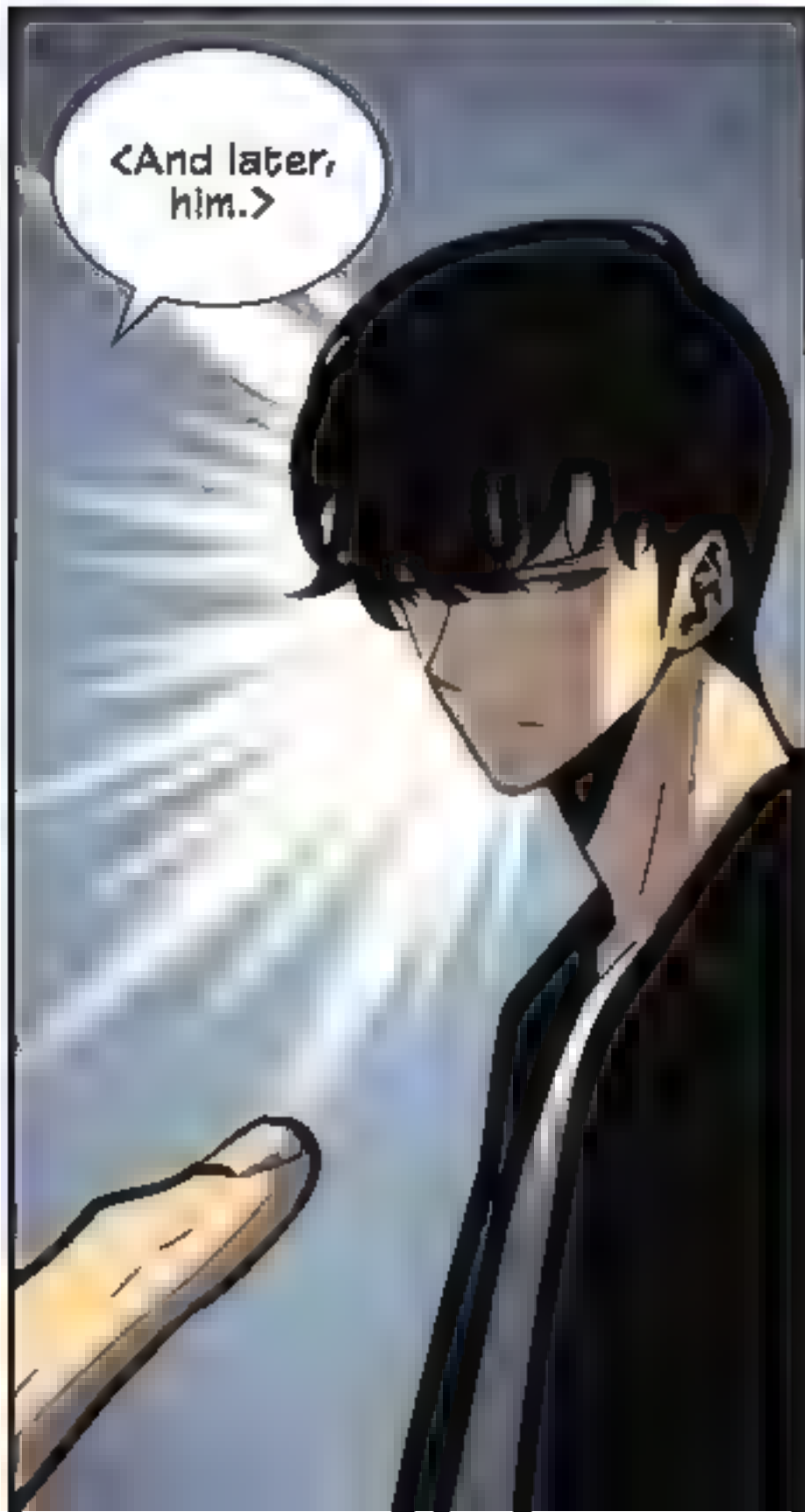


HUH?
WHAT'S GOING
ON THERE?



*<This will be
fun. There won't
be any "accidents"
since we have
an S-rank healer
here.>*

*<Fine. Shimizu,
please heal
anyone who was
injured.>*



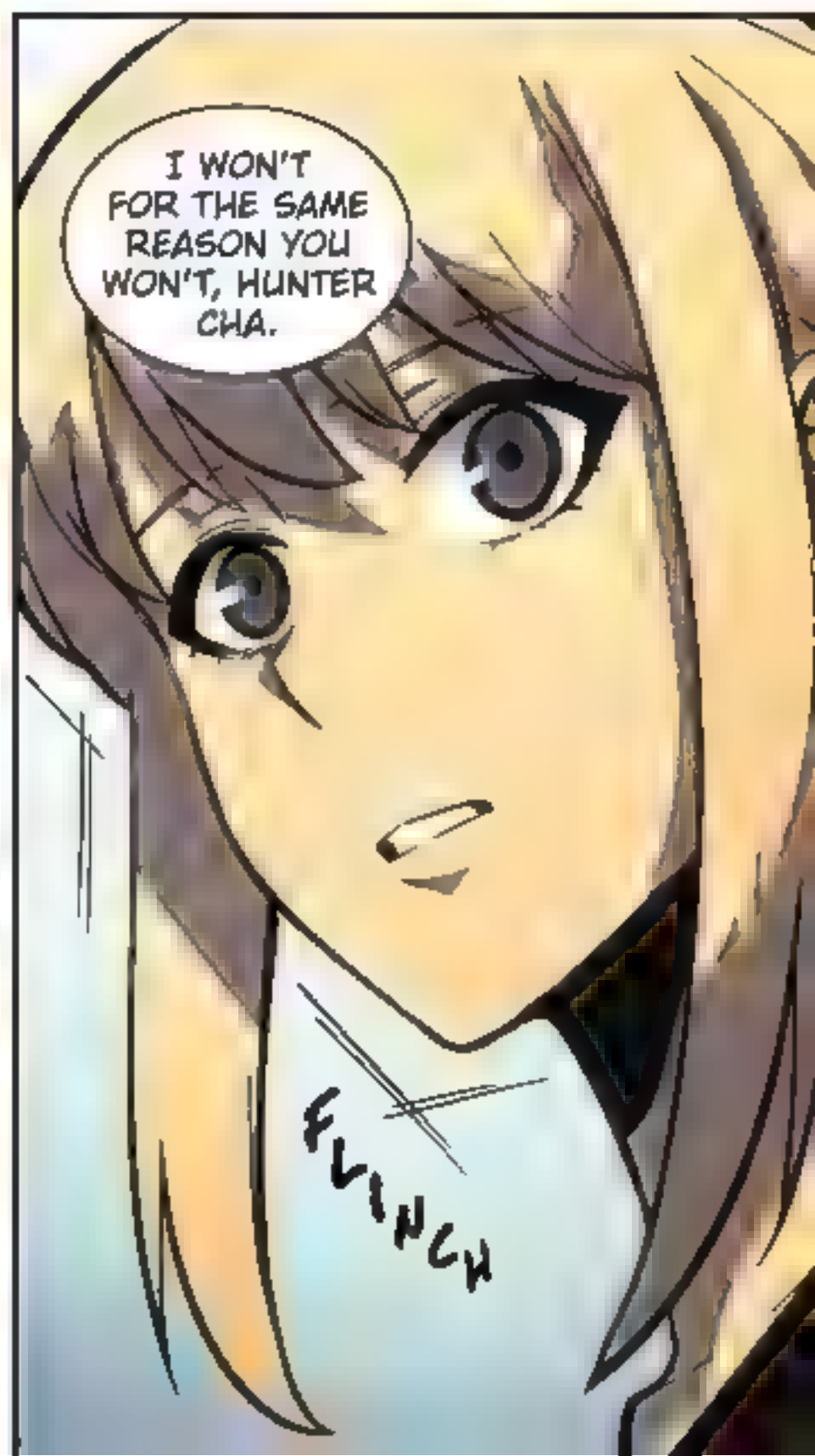
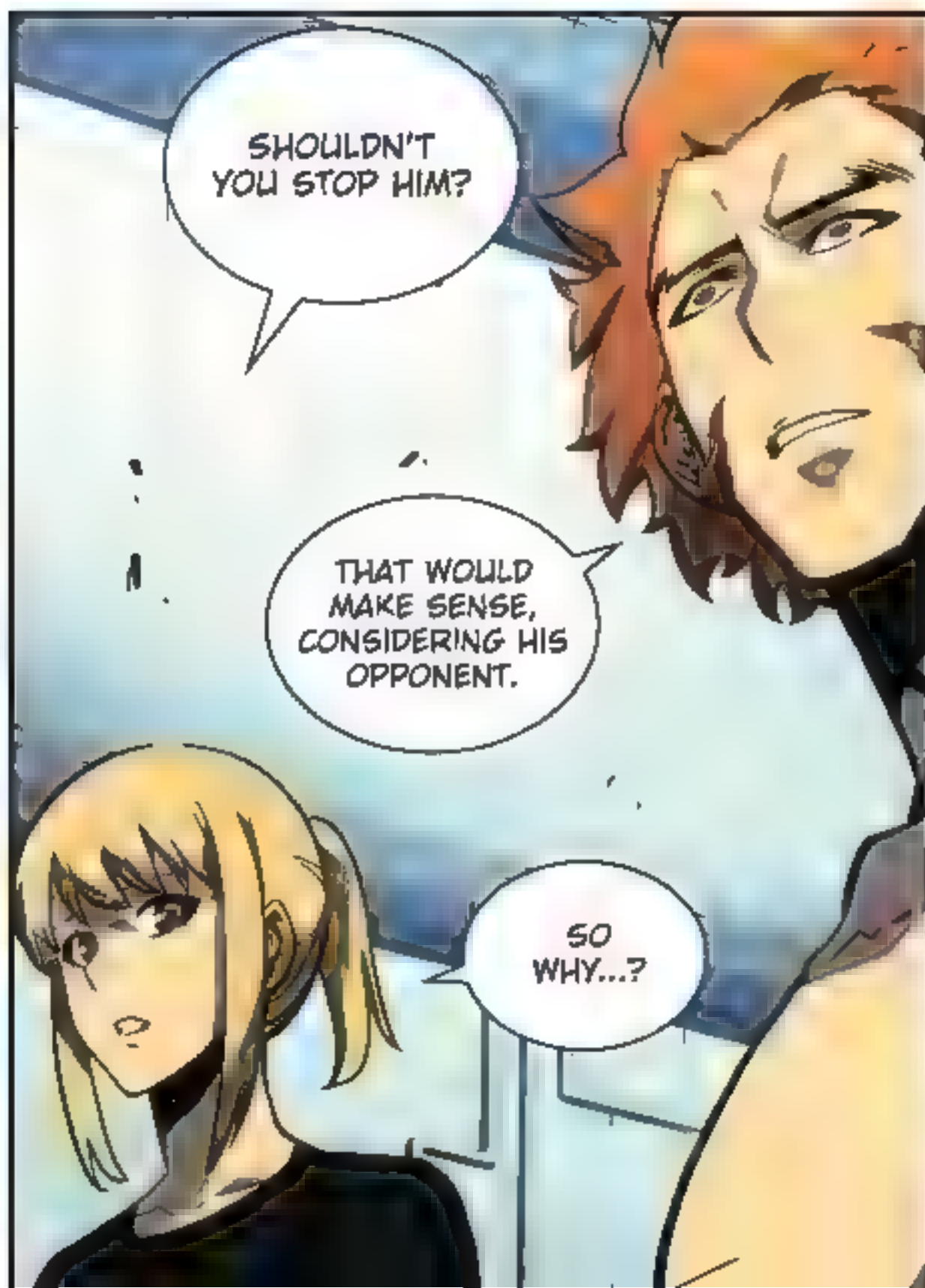
*<And later,
him.>*

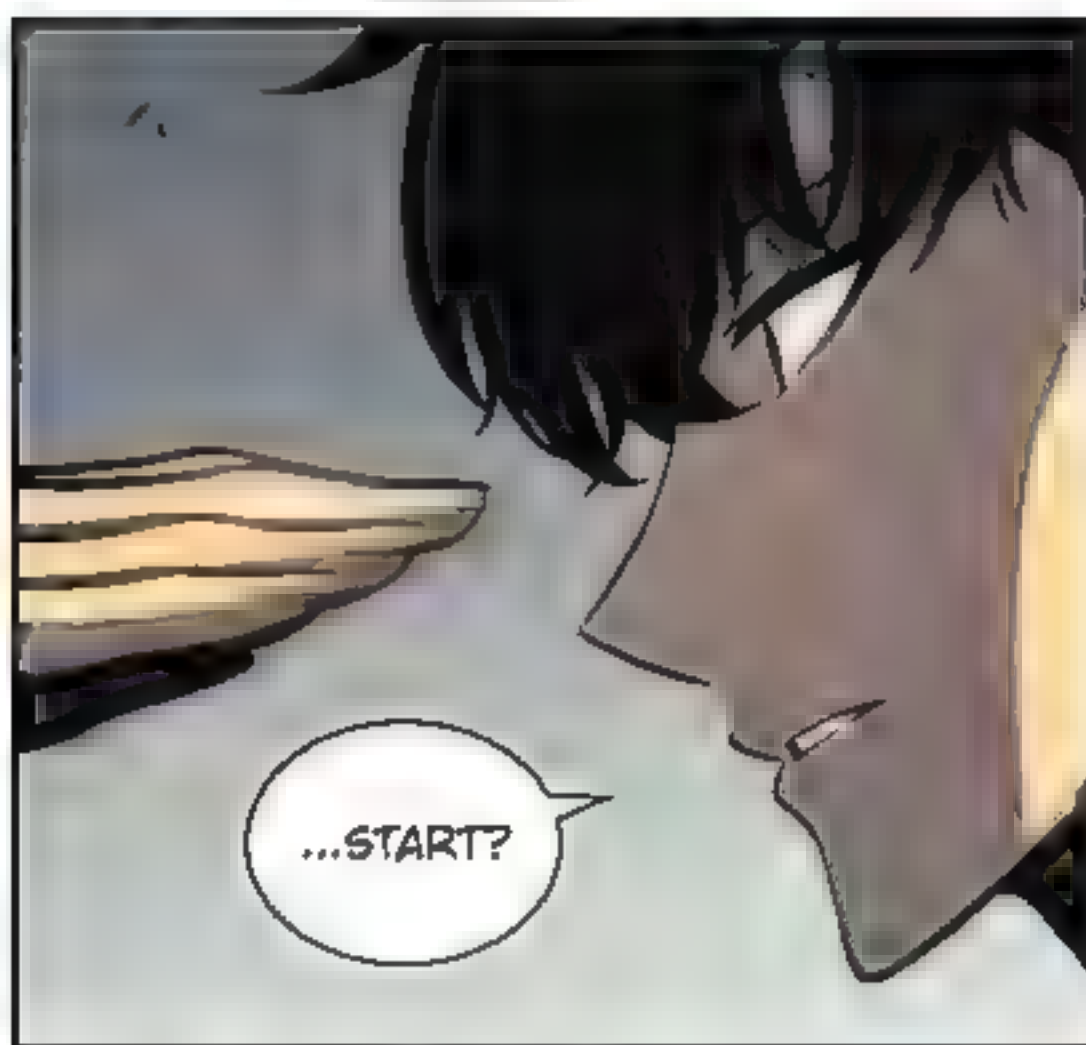
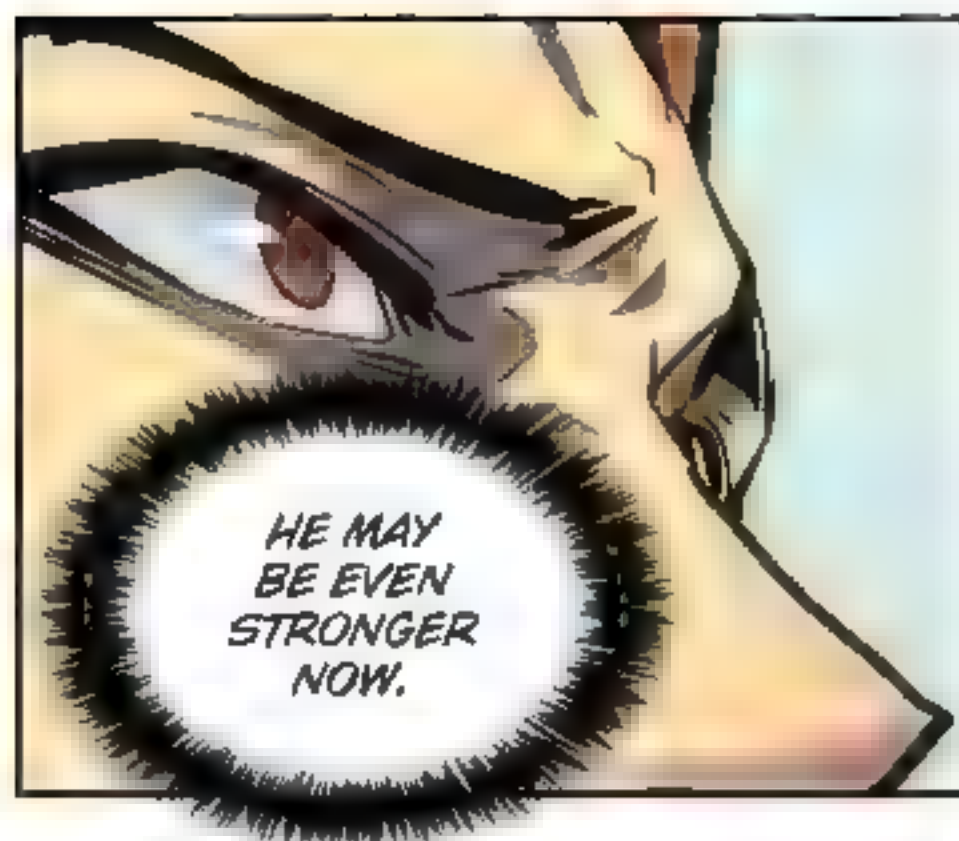


SO HE'S THE
TENTH S-RANK
HUNTER I'VE HEARD
ABOUT? HE'S FULL
OF ENERGY.

ALL READY
TO SPAR WITH
RYUJI GOTO.

IS JINWOO
GOING TO BE
OKAY?







AS SOON AS
I FINISHED MY
SENTENCE.

«I
missed?»

TMP



«He's
a mage hunter
when he moves
like that? Don't
make me
laugh.»

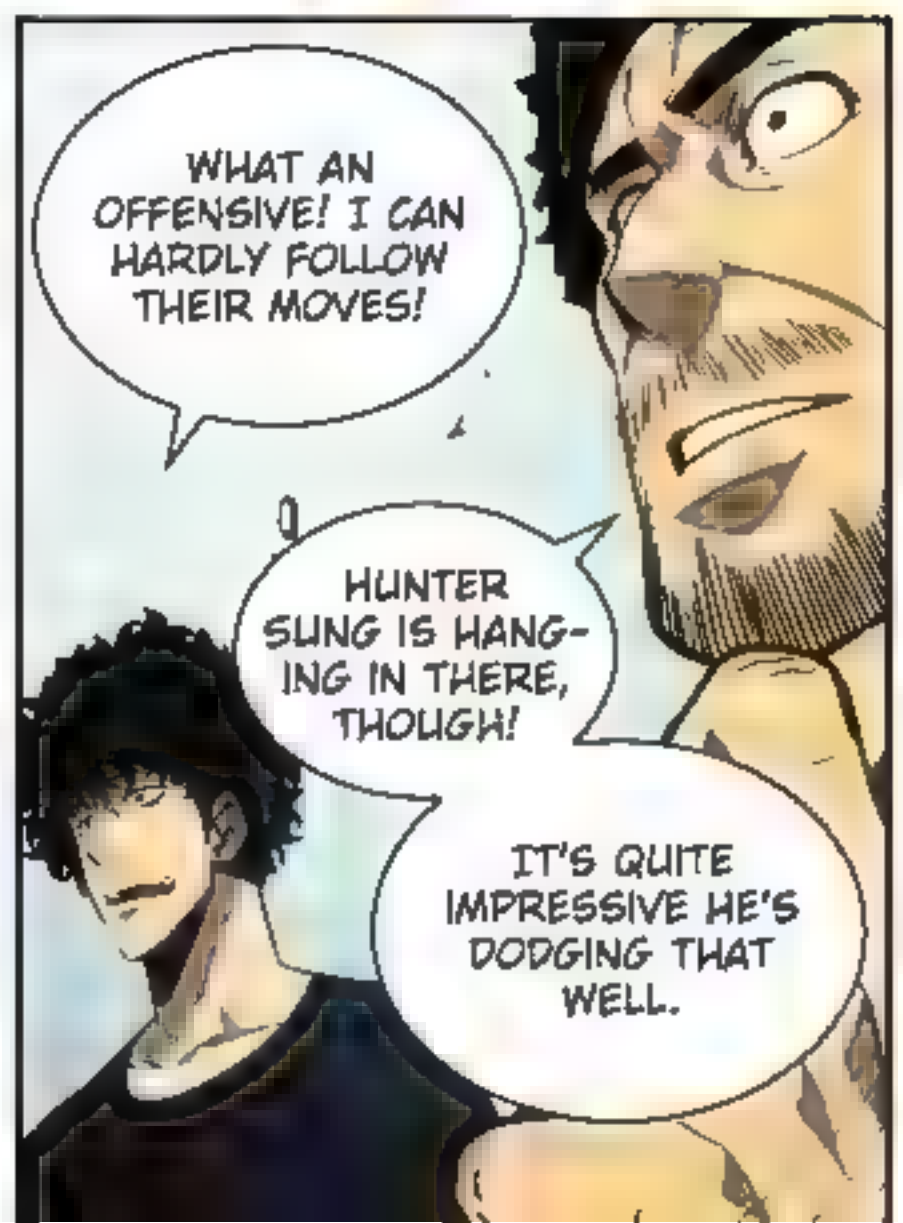
«He was
lightning quick,
and his foot-
steps made no
sound.»

«He may be
able to deceive
others, but he
can't fool me.»



«I'll
expose
you...»

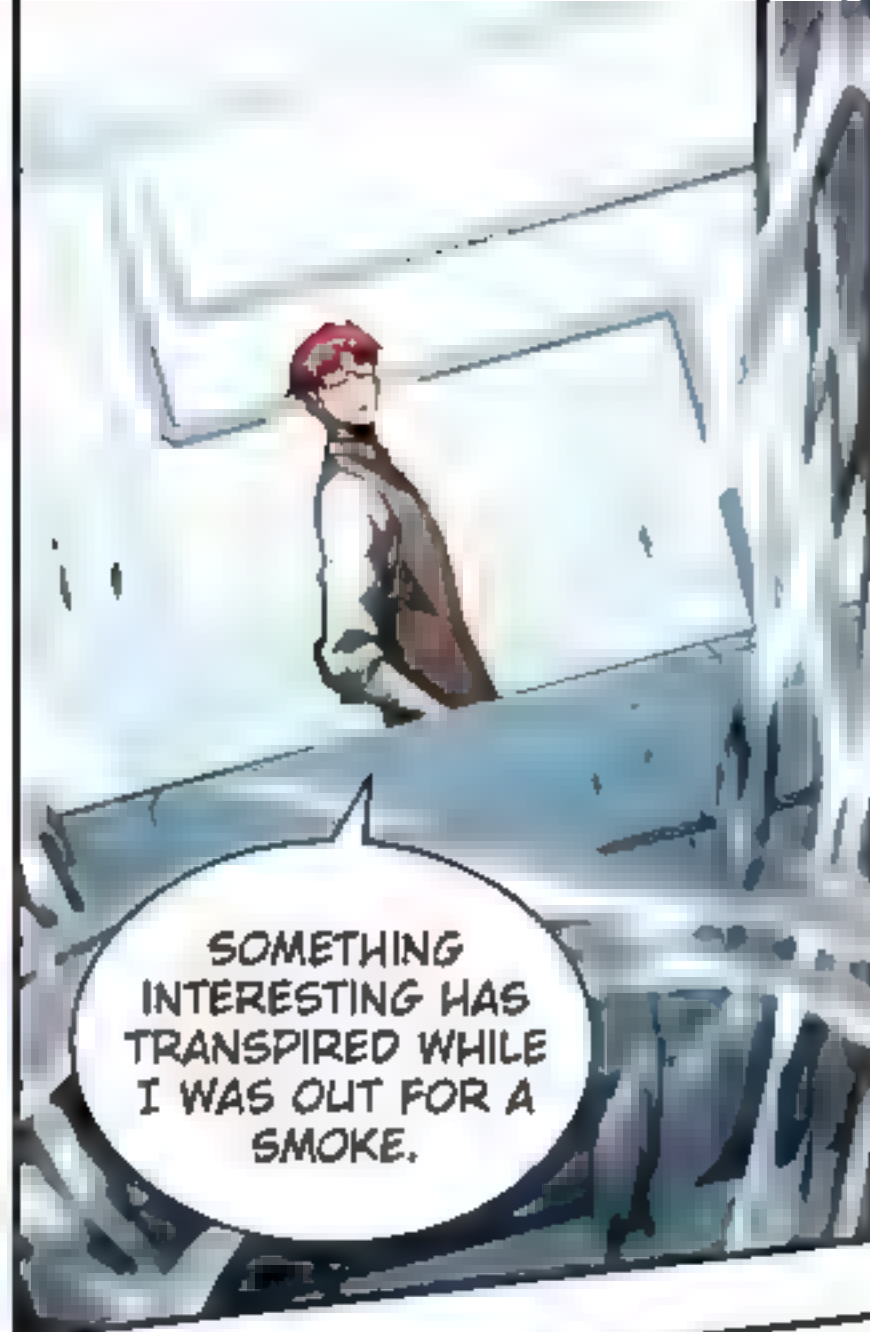
«...until you
are laid
completely
bare!»





HUNTER
SLING
ISN'T JUST
"HANGING IN
THERE."

HE'S EGGING
ON RYUJI TO
MAKE HIM KEEP
ATTACKING!



SOMETHING
INTERESTING HAS
TRANSPIRED WHILE
I WAS OUT FOR A
SMOKE.



<He
dodged
me?>

<Is it
just dumb
luck?!>



<If I don't
give it my all, I
won't even be
able to touch
you.>

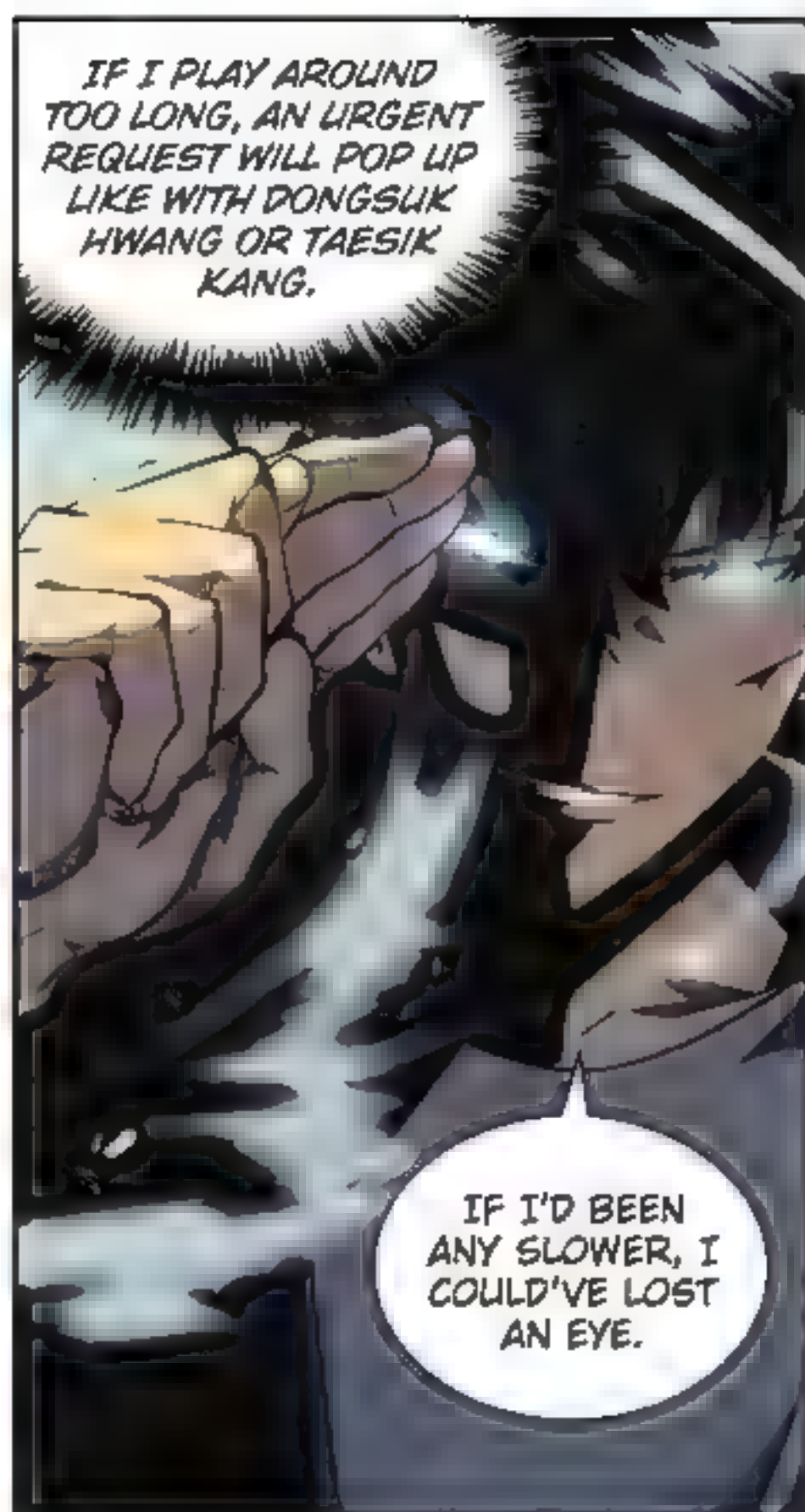
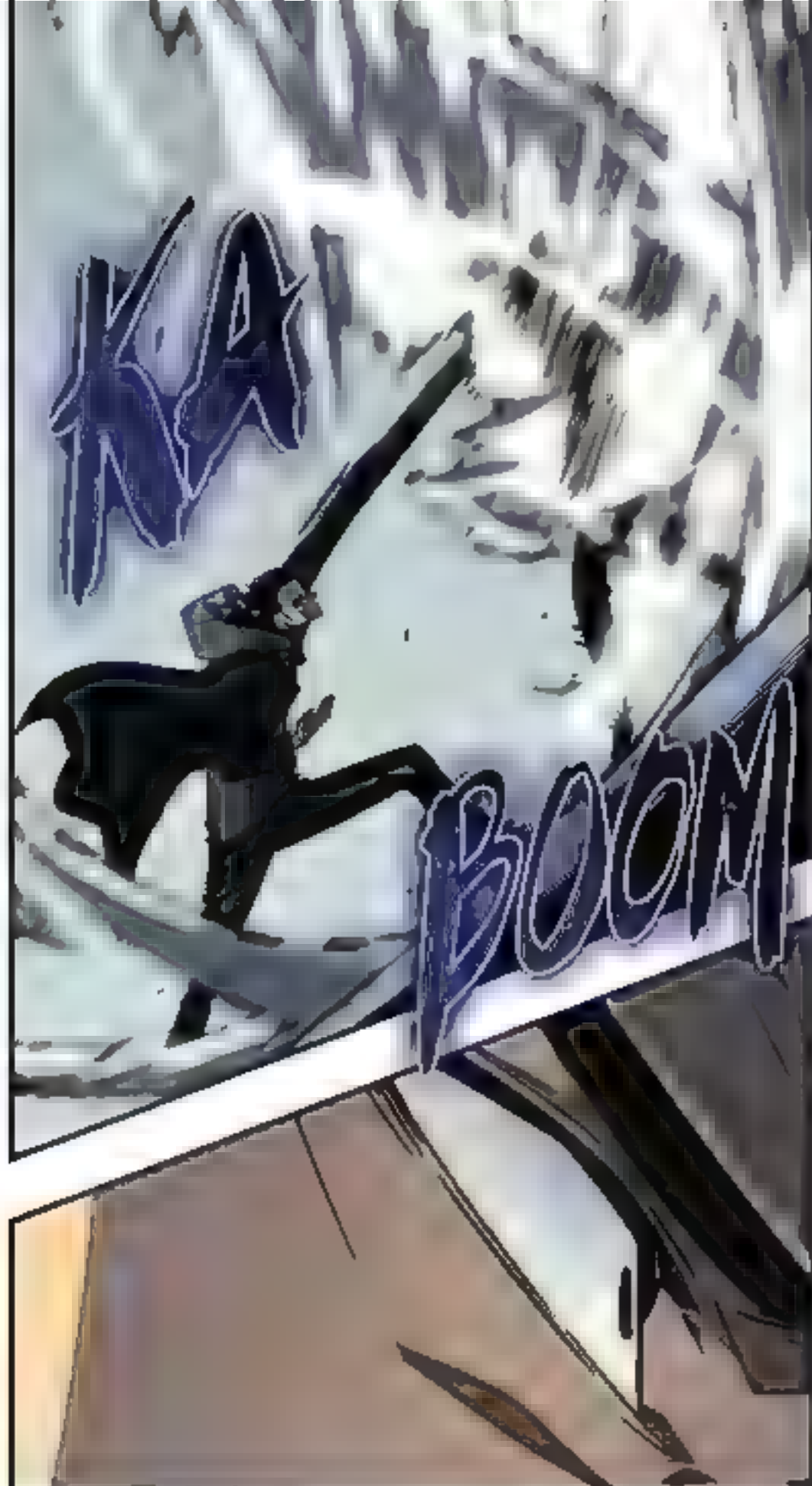
<I've
changed my
mind.>



<I'm
going to
kill him!>



HOSTILE
ENERGY?



IF I PLAY AROUND
TOO LONG, AN URGENT
REQUEST WILL POP UP
LIKE WITH DONGSUK
HWANG OR TAESIK
KANG.

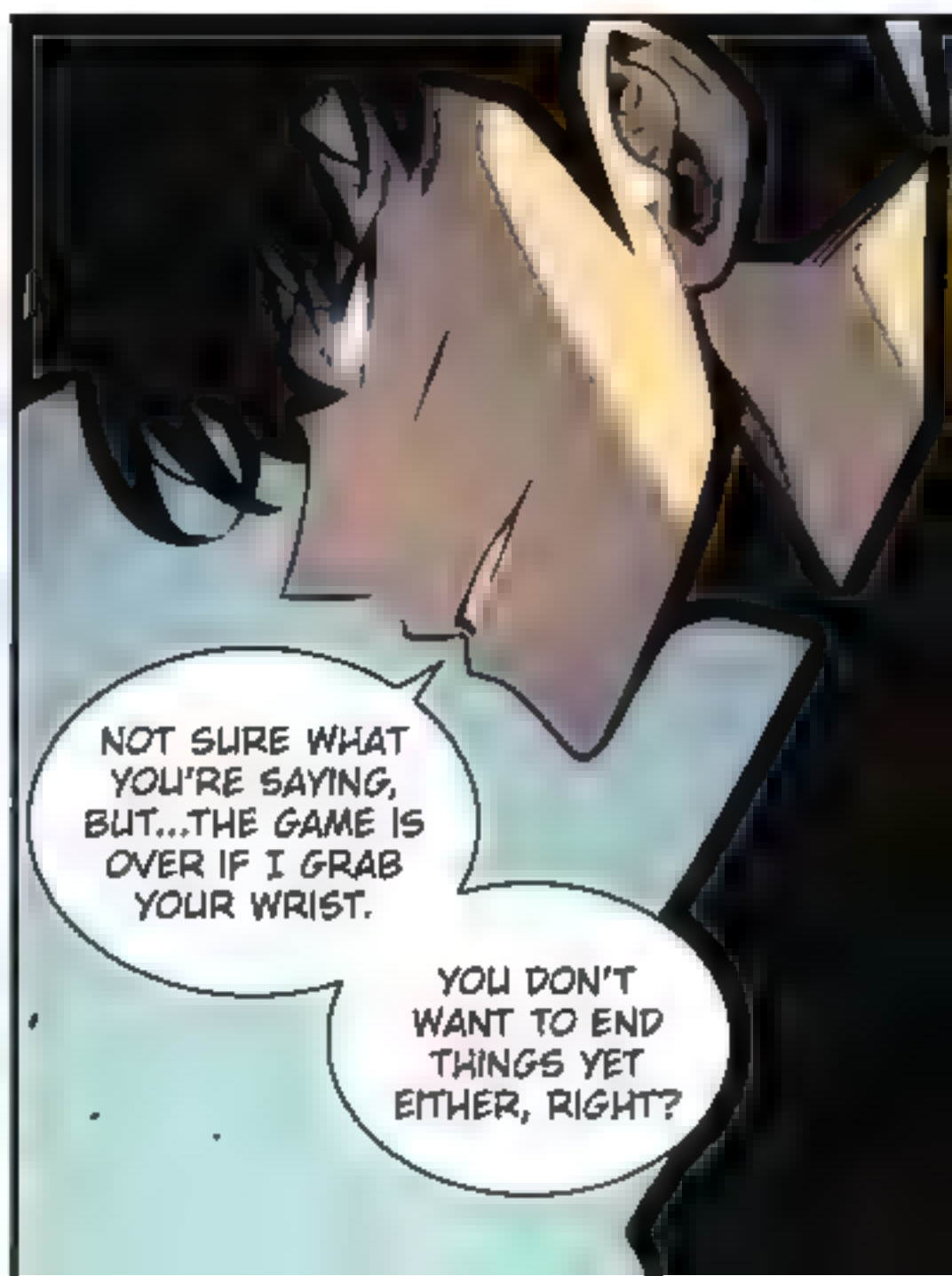
IF I'D BEEN
ANY SLOWER, I
COULD'VE LOST
AN EYE.



«Crazy
strong...»

«And
he could've
grabbed my
wrist, but he
took my hand
instead!?»

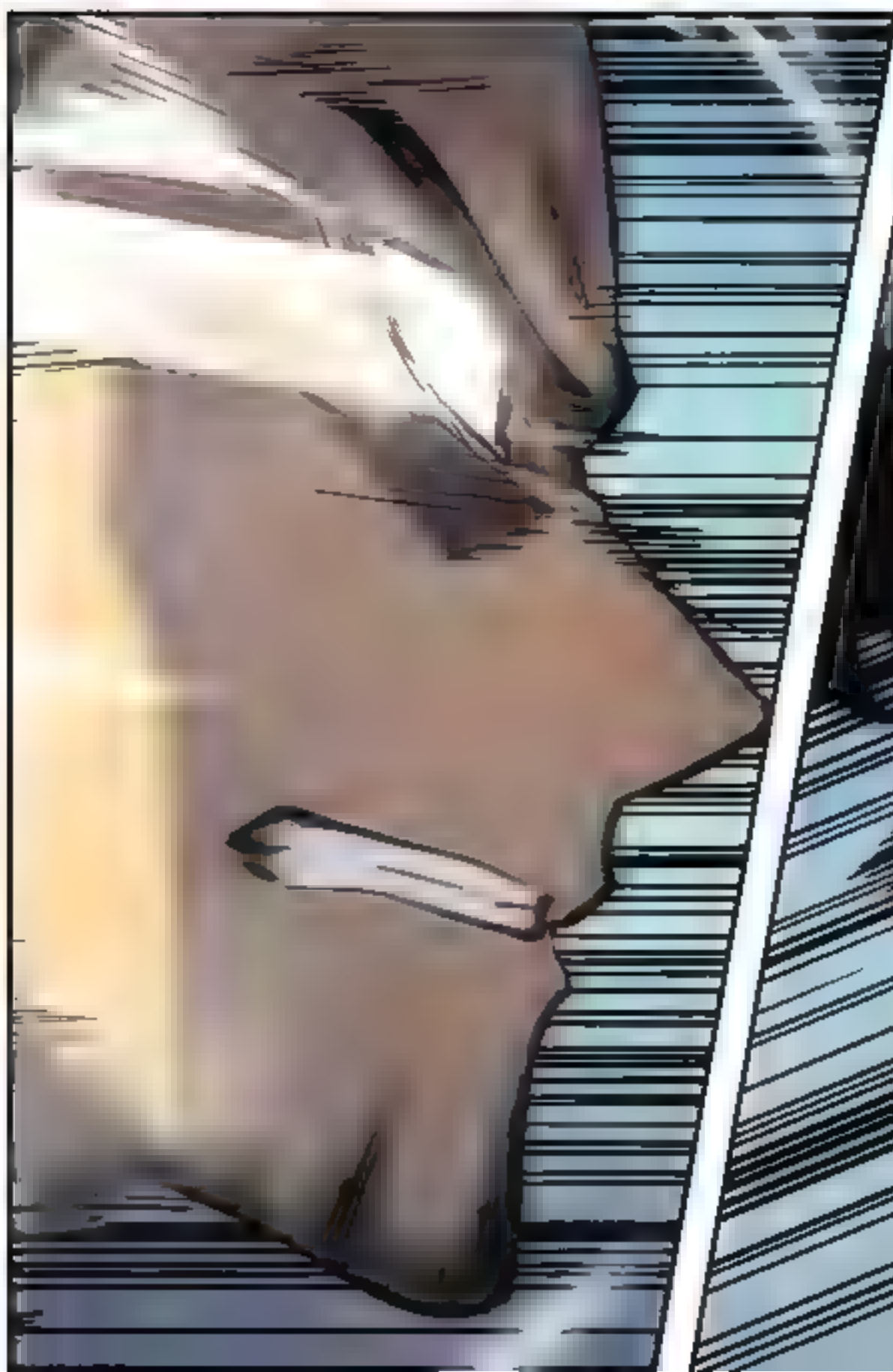
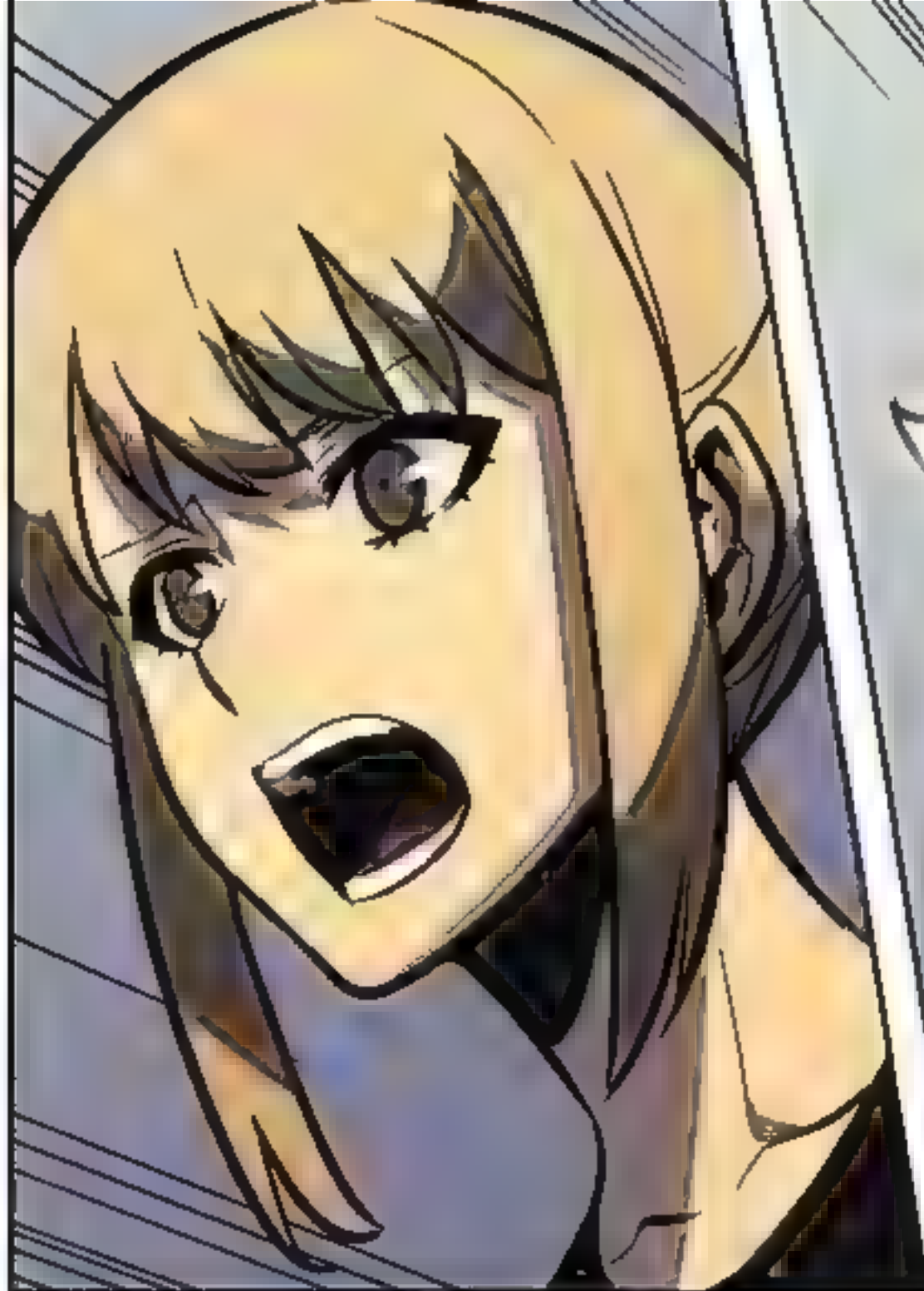
«Are you
toying with
me?»

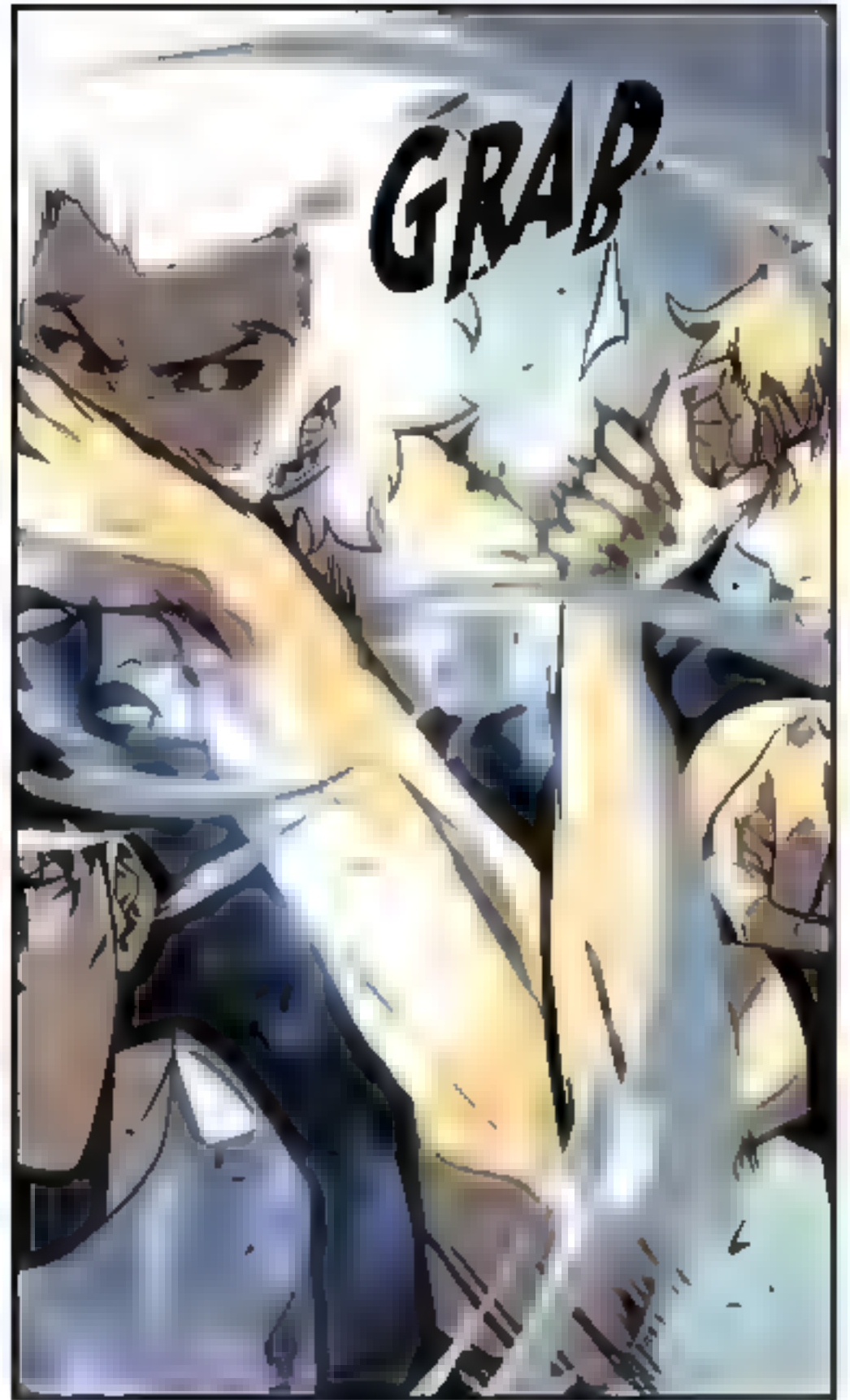


NOT SURE WHAT
YOU'RE SAYING,
BUT...THE GAME IS
OVER IF I GRAB
YOUR WRIST.

YOU DON'T
WANT TO END
THINGS YET
EITHER, RIGHT?















...GUNHEE GO,
JONGIN CHOI, HAEIN
CHA, YOONHO BAEK,
AND RYUJI GOTO
WERE ALL CLOSE
TO ME.

YET NOT EVEN
S-RANK HUNTERS
COULD DETECT THE
SOLDIERS HIDING IN
THE SHADOWS.



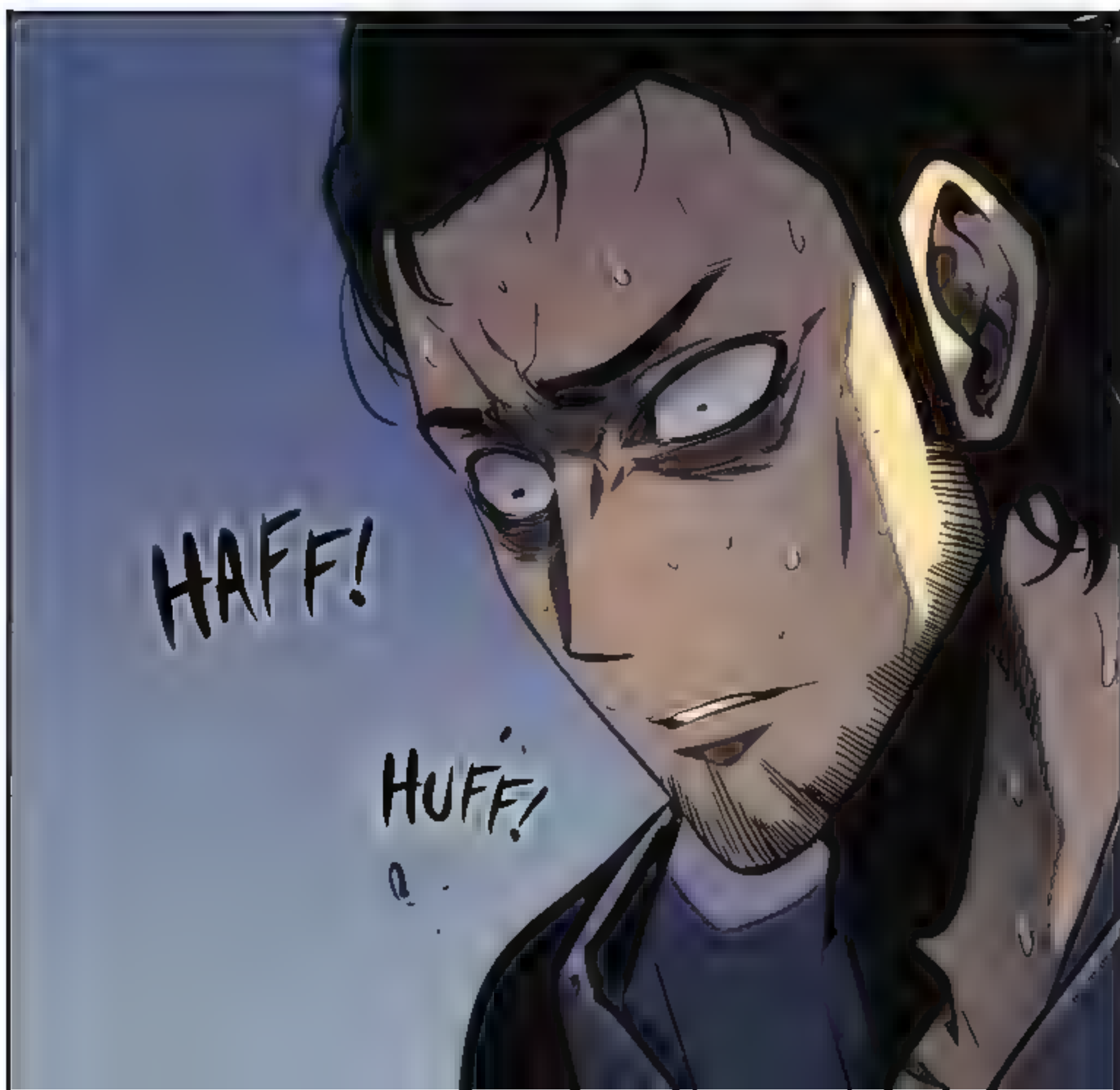
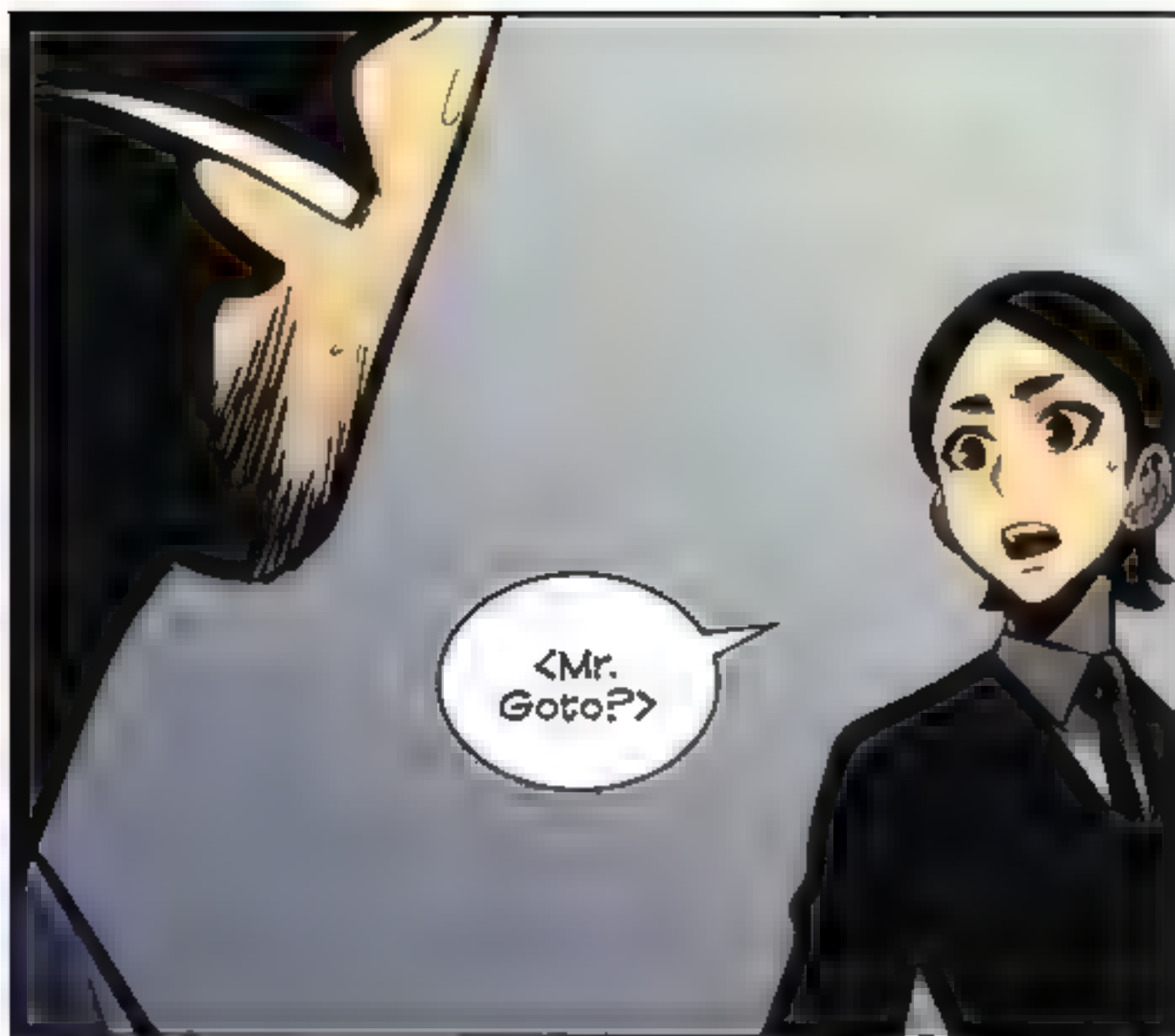
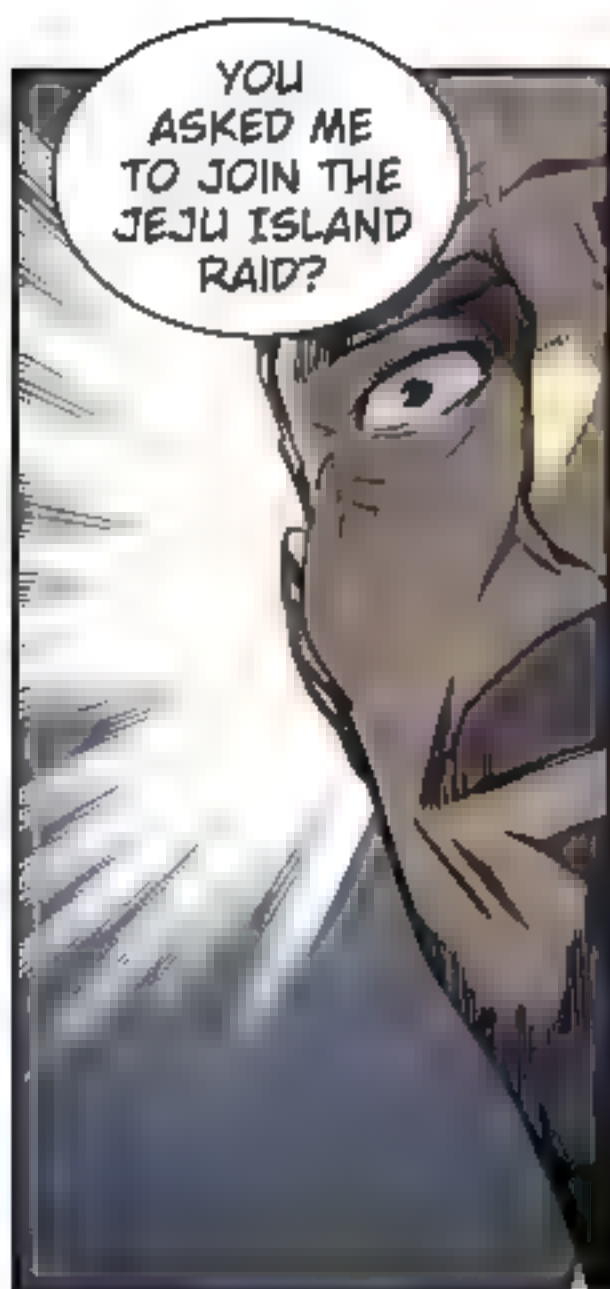
EVEN RYUJI
GOTO DIDN'T
PICK UP ON
ANY ABNORMAL
ENERGY...

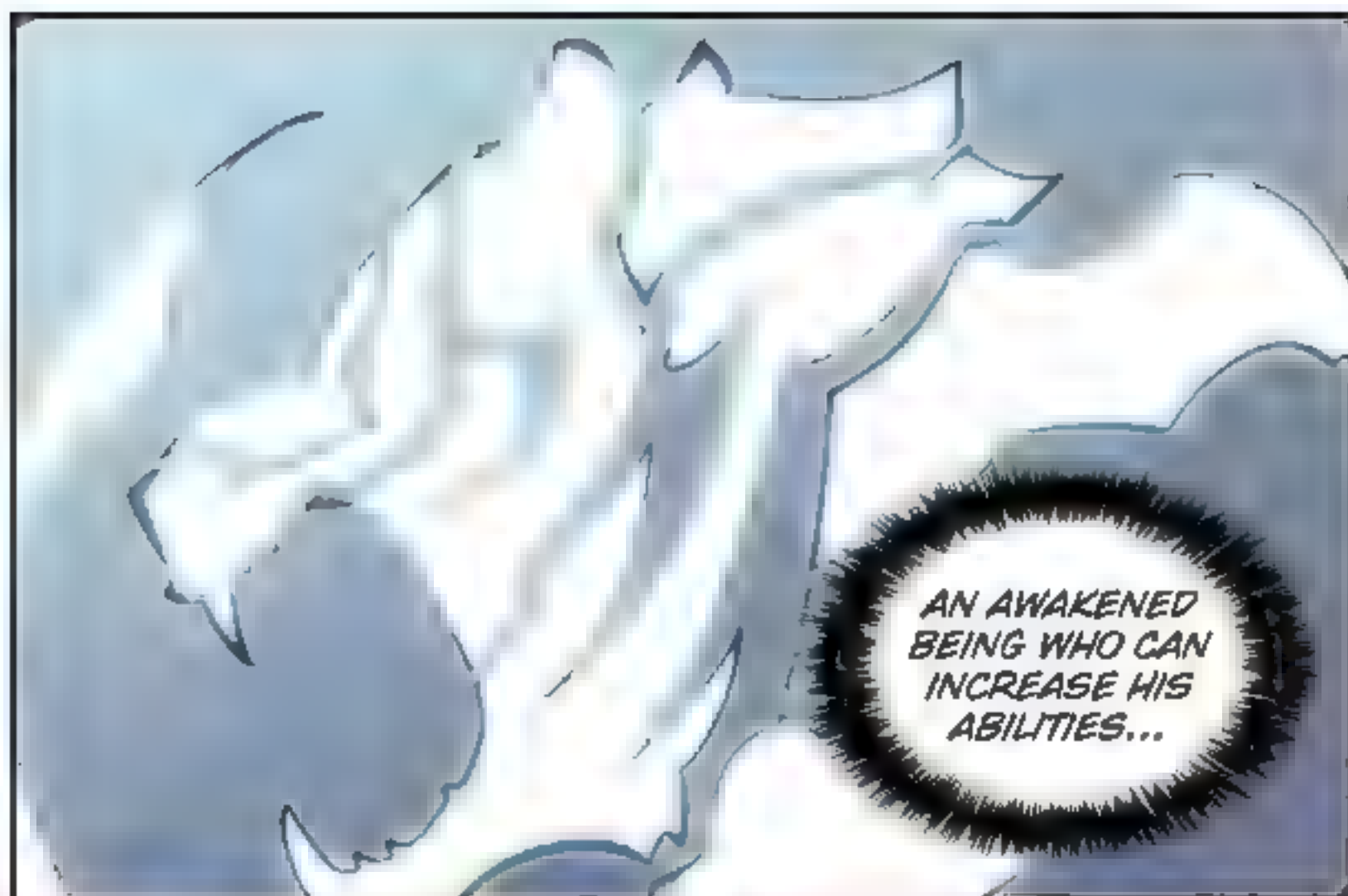


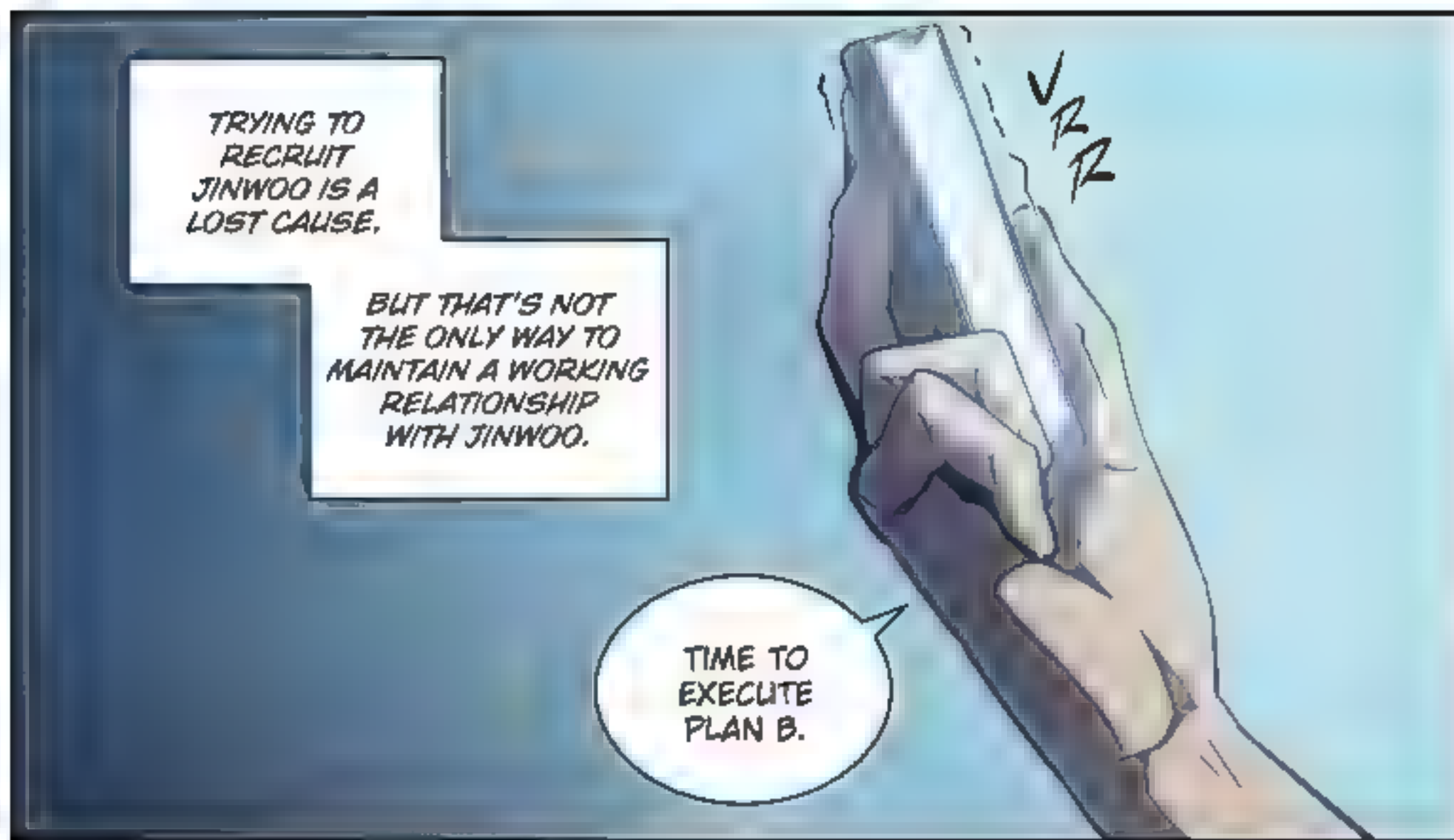
PRESIDENT
GO.



YES,
HUNTER
SUNG?



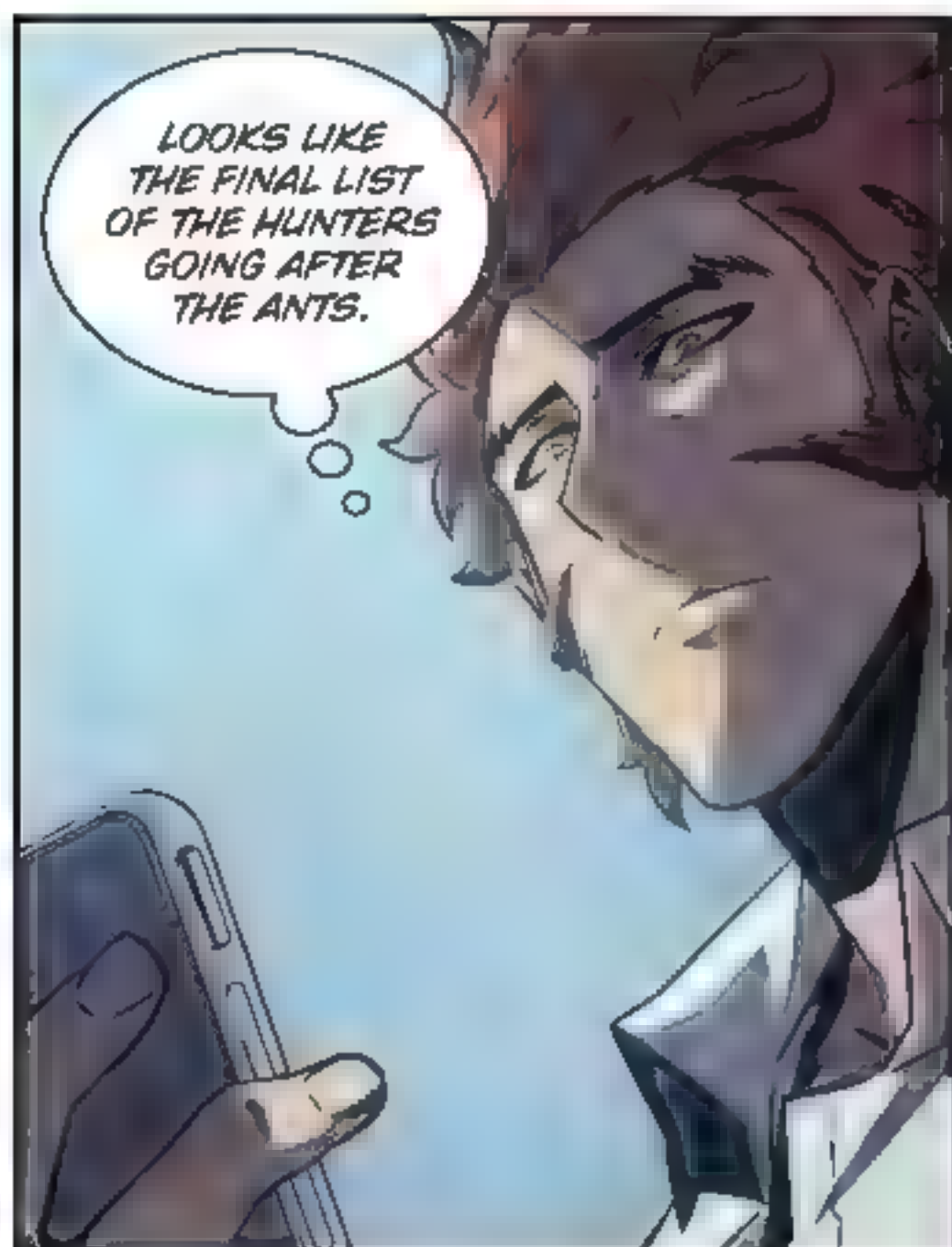




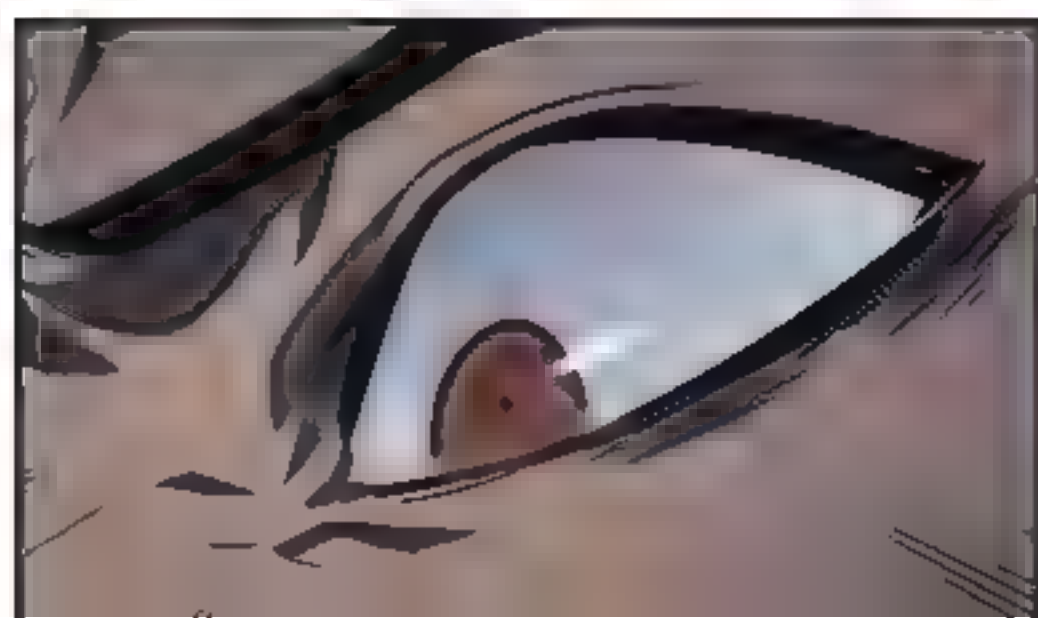
TRYING TO
RECRUIT
JINWOO IS A
LOST CAUSE.

BUT THAT'S NOT
THE ONLY WAY TO
MAINTAIN A WORKING
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JINWOO.

TIME TO
EXECUTE
PLAN B.



LOOKS LIKE
THE FINAL LIST
OF THE HUNTERS
GOING AFTER
THE ANTS.



THERE'S
NO HUNTER
JINWOO
SUNG?!



<Mr.
Sukimoto.>



<...There's an
incredible hunter
here in Korea.>



<Ha-ha.
They can't be
better than you,
surely?>



REIJI SUKIMOTO,
S-RANK HUNTER
(VICE MASTER OF
THE GUILD OF THE
DRAWN SWORD)



<Well...
I'm not so
sure.>

<What's the
hunter's
name?>

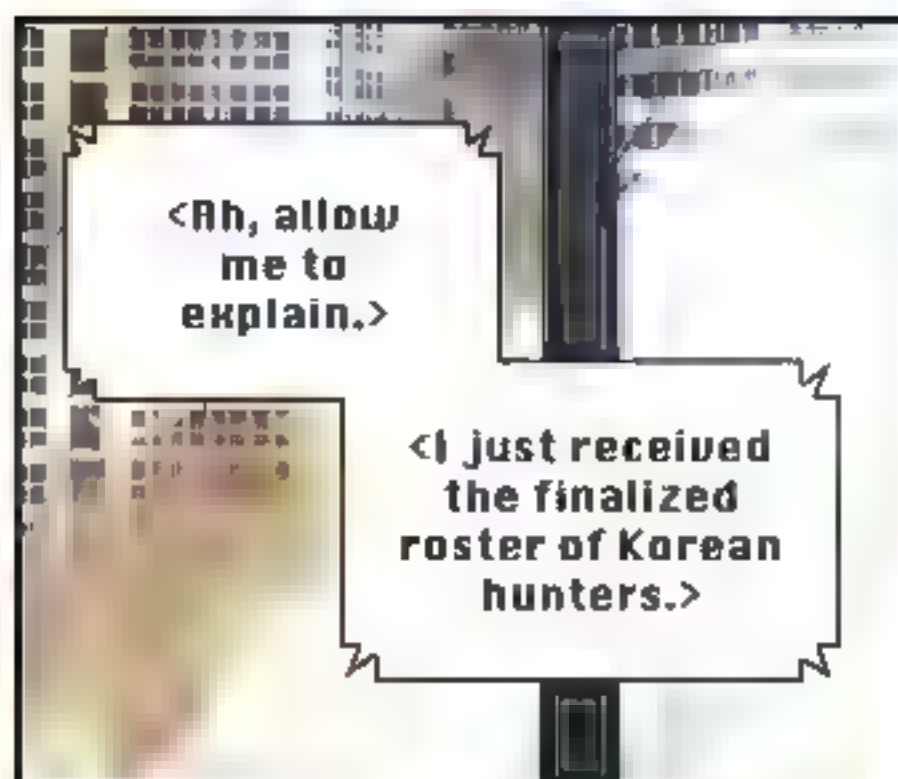
<Jinwoo
Sung.>



<He's the
recently
reawakened
S-rank.>

<That's
strange.
There's nobody
here by that
name.>

<Pardon?
Nobody
where?>



BAENGNOKDAM
ON MOUNT HALLA

THE QUEEN ANT
HAD A THOUGHT.

WE MUST LEAVE THIS
ISLAND BEHIND.

THERE IS
NO PREY.

MY CHILDREN
HAVE RESORTED
TO EATING ONE
ANOTHER.

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH
FOOD TO SUSTAIN ALL
THE SUBJECTS OF MY
QUEENDOM.

CRUNCH

MUNCH

CHOMP

CRUNCH



WE CANNOT GO
ON LIKE THIS.

I NEED A MORE
FORMIDABLE
SOLDIER...

MY SUBJECTS
REQUIRE A MIGHTY
SOLDIER TO LEAD
THEM.

FOR MY
QUEENDOM...

...ANY ENEMY
WHO STANDS IN OUR
WAY WILL TREMBLE
IN FEAR.

FOR MY
QUEENDOM...

...ANY ENEMY
WHO STANDS IN OUR
WAY WILL TREMBLE
IN FEAR.

ANY ENEMY
WHO STANDS IN OUR
WAY WILL TREMBLE
IN FEAR.

I WANT TO GET
STRONGER.

I WANT
TO GET
STRONGER.



SURRENDER



EAT, EAT,
EAT...

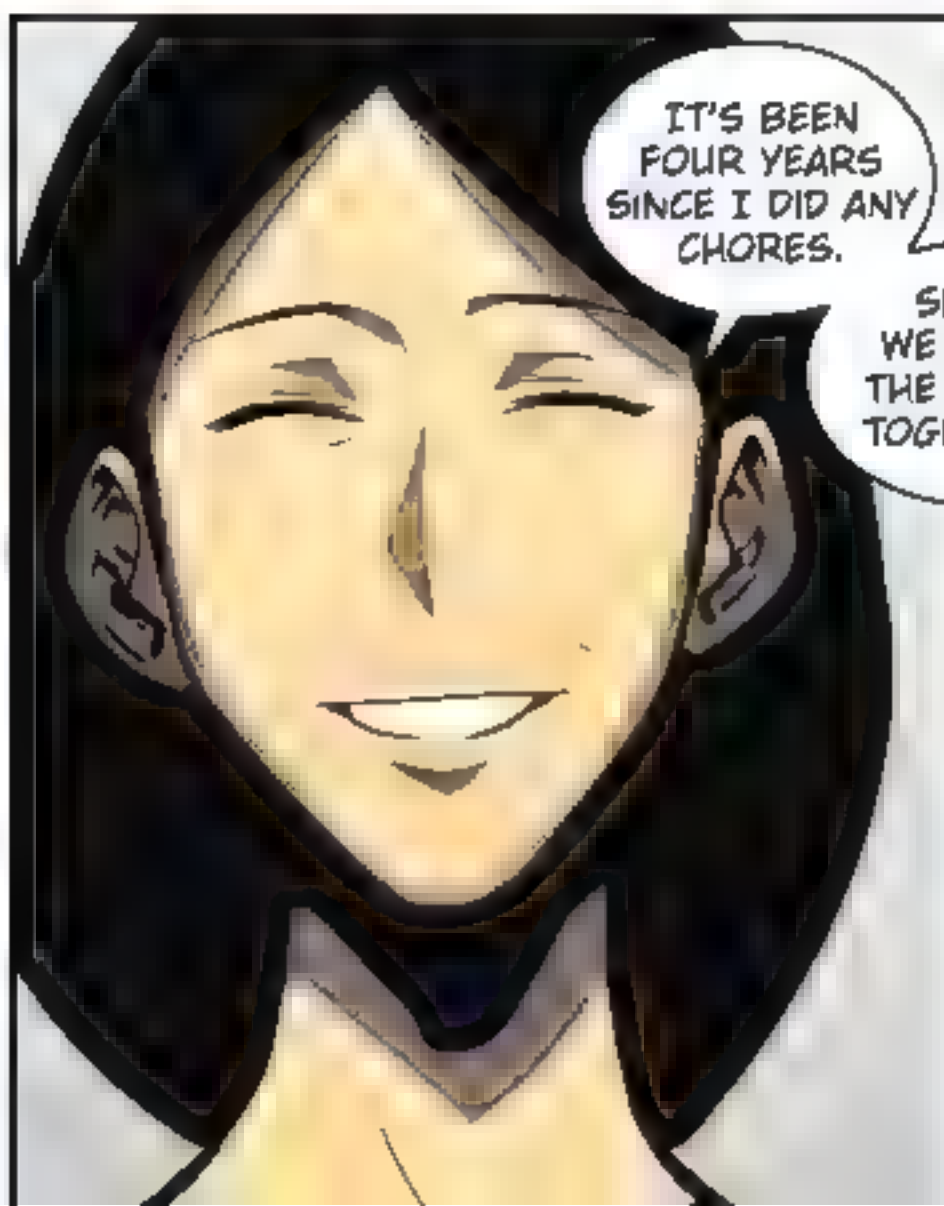
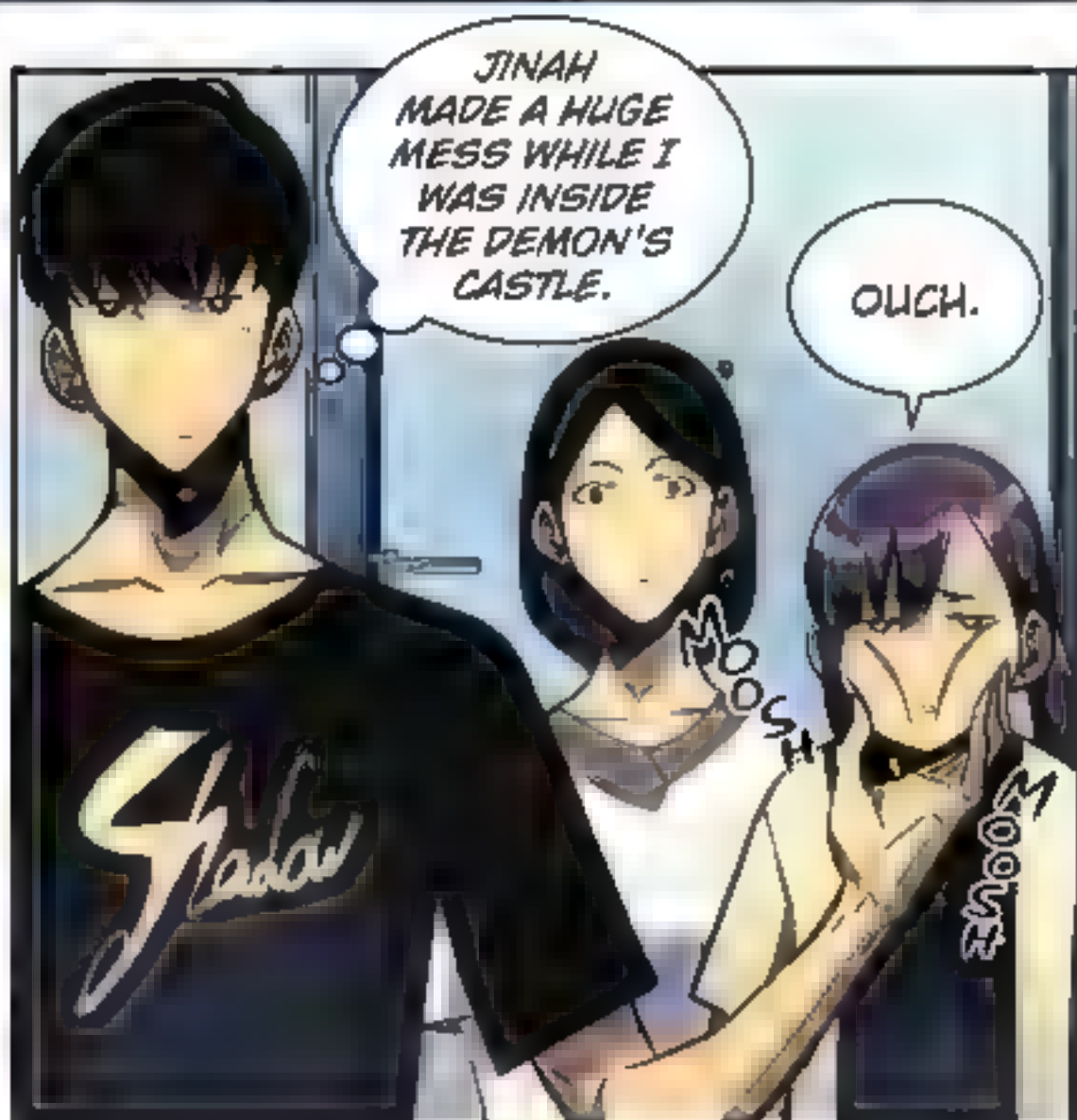
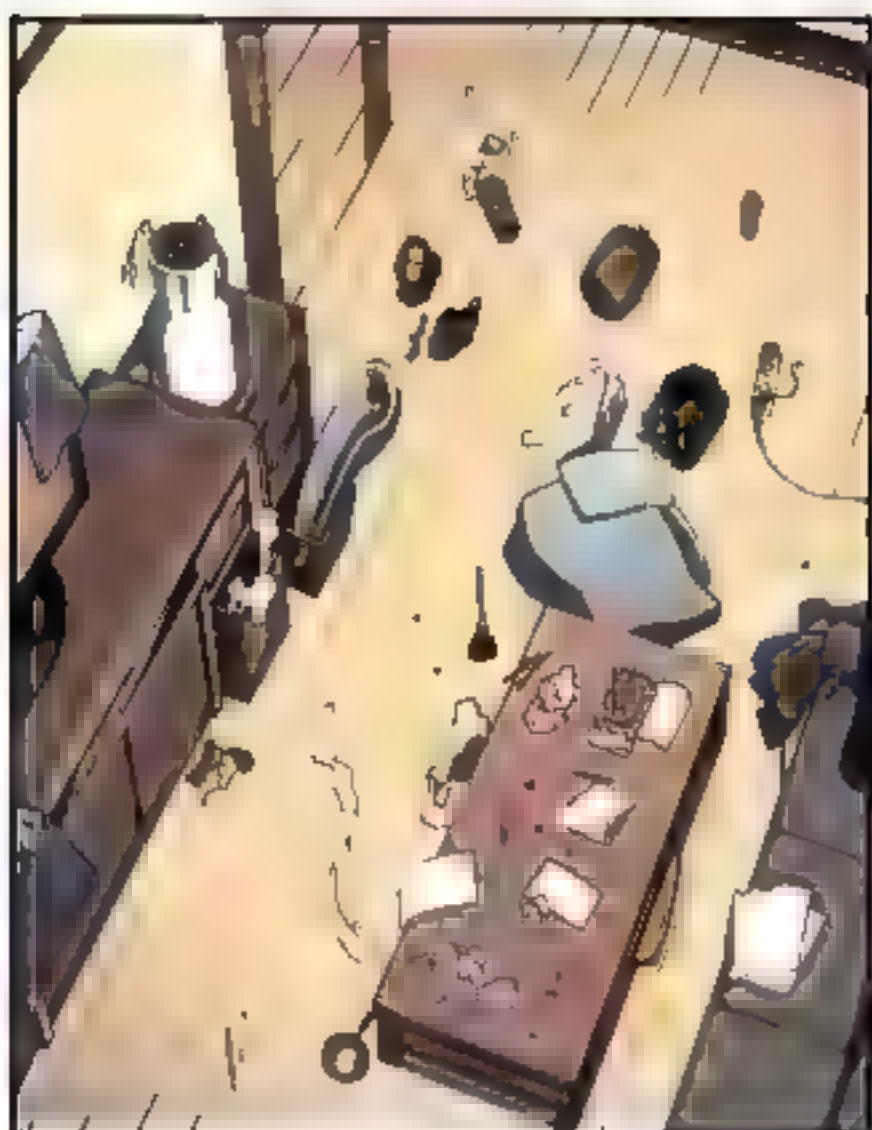
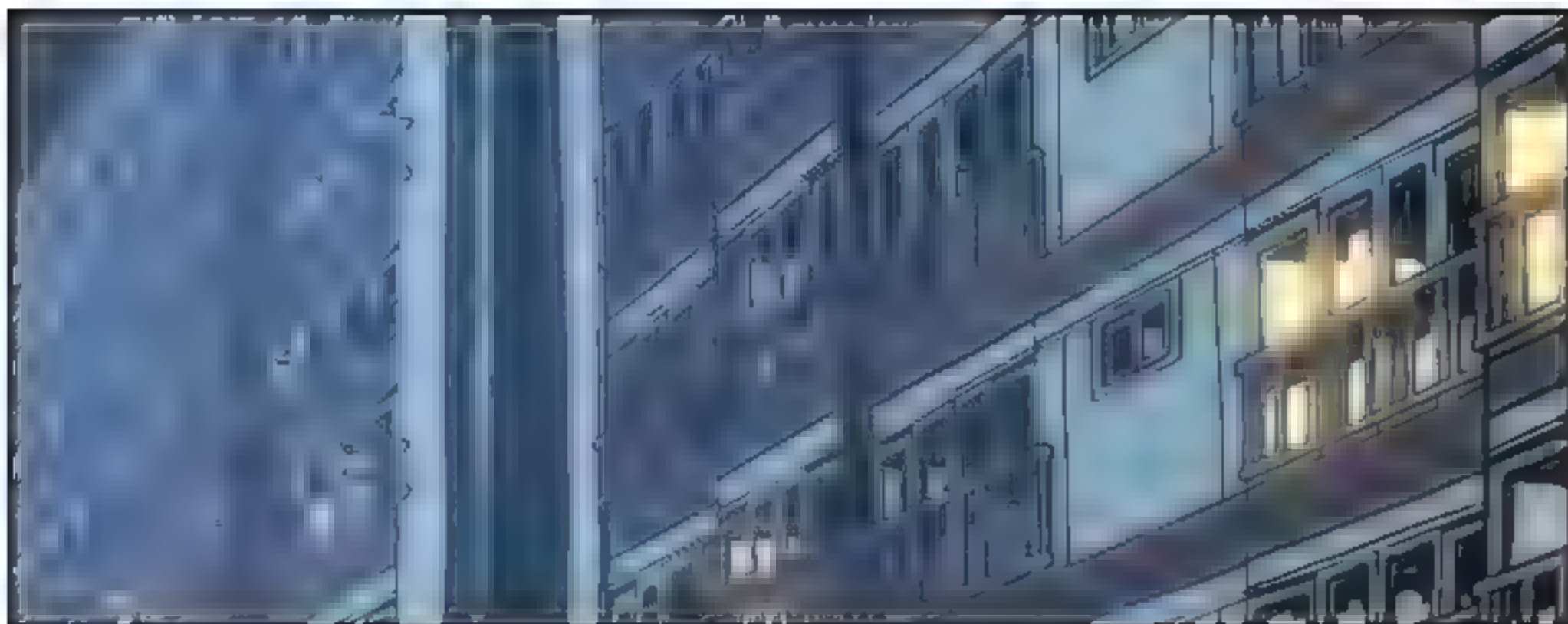
GROW
STRONGER...

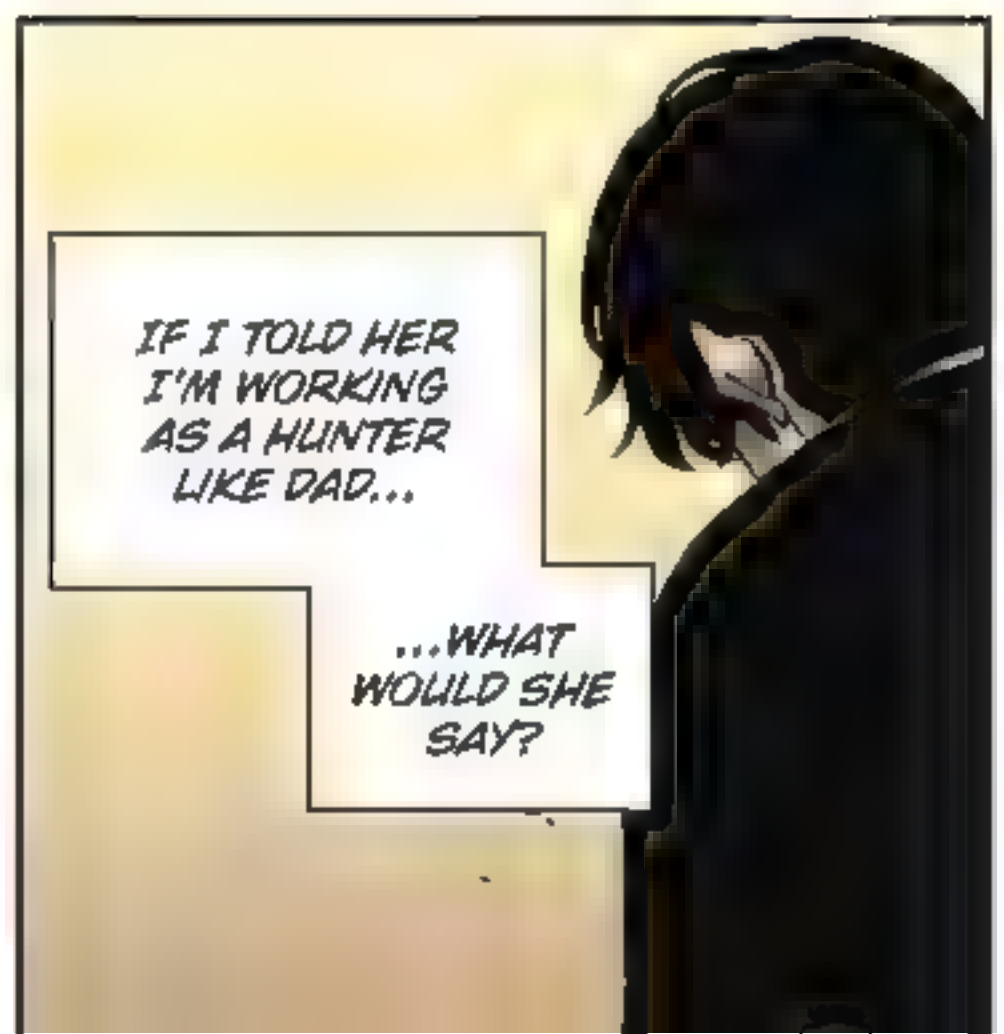
...MY CHILD.

CHAPTER 17

The Jeju Island
Raid

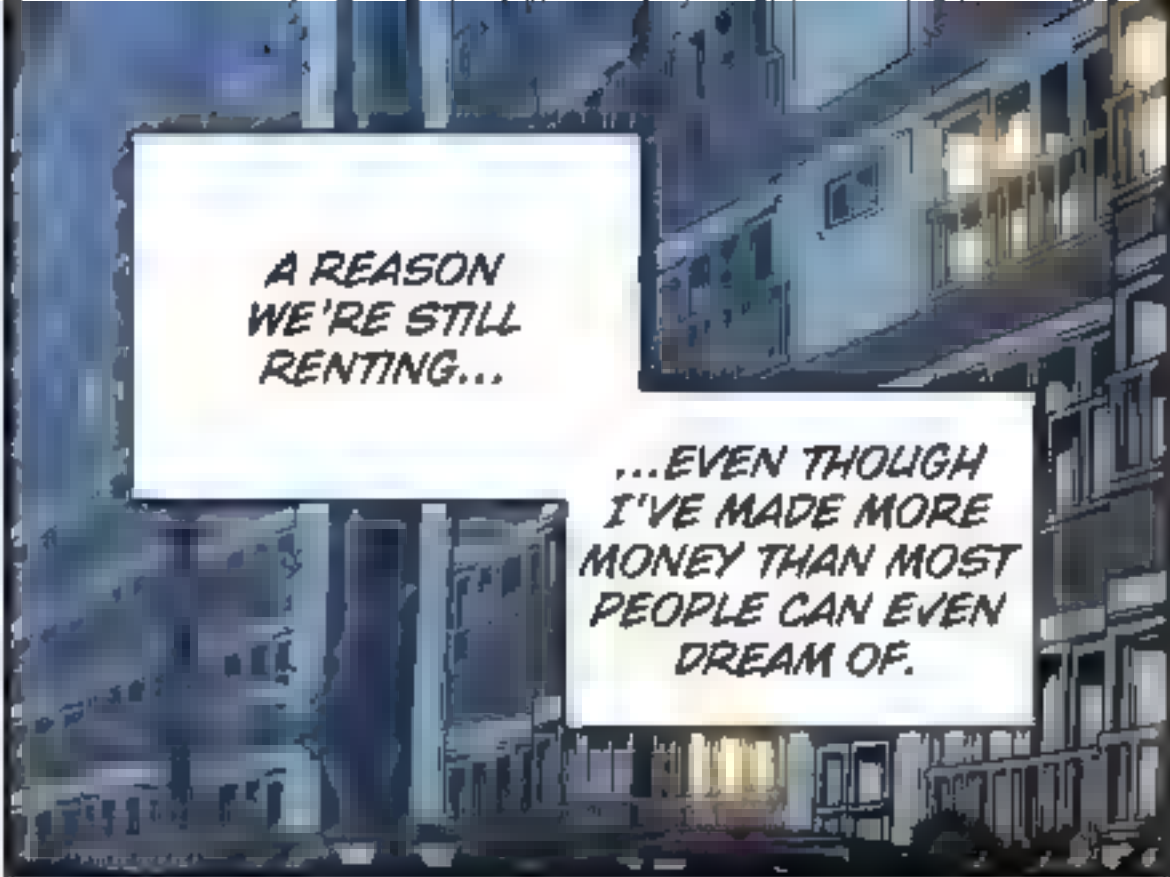
Solo
Leveling







THERE'S A
REASON WHY MOM
DOESN'T WANT TO
LEAVE THIS OLD
APARTMENT.



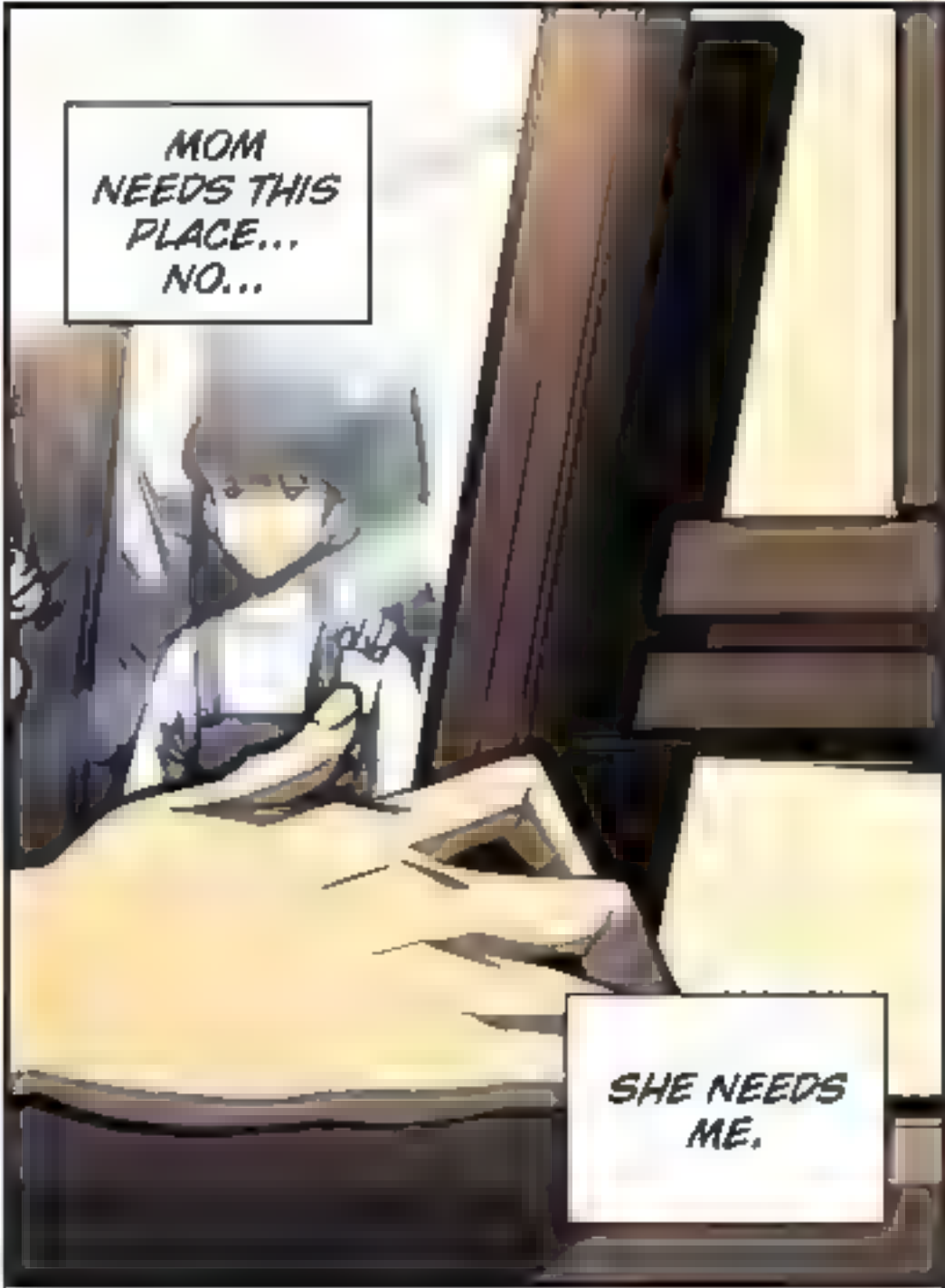
A REASON
WE'RE STILL
RENTING...

...EVEN THOUGH
I'VE MADE MORE
MONEY THAN MOST
PEOPLE CAN EVEN
DREAM OF.



MY MOTHER IS
WAITING FOR
MY MISSING
FATHER.

JUST IN CASE
HE COMES
BACK TO THIS
PLACE...



MOM
NEEDS THIS
PLACE...
NO...

SHE NEEDS
ME.



THE JEJU
ISLAND
RAID...



The magic
beast ants are
evolving at an
incredible rate.

When the
mutants multiply
and become the
dominant variant...

...we call that
evolution.

This is footage
from the first and
second mission.

When they first
appeared, the magic
beast ants crawled
on the ground like
regular ants.

They were
basically just
gigantic ants.



But...

...this is footage of
the ants from the
third mission.



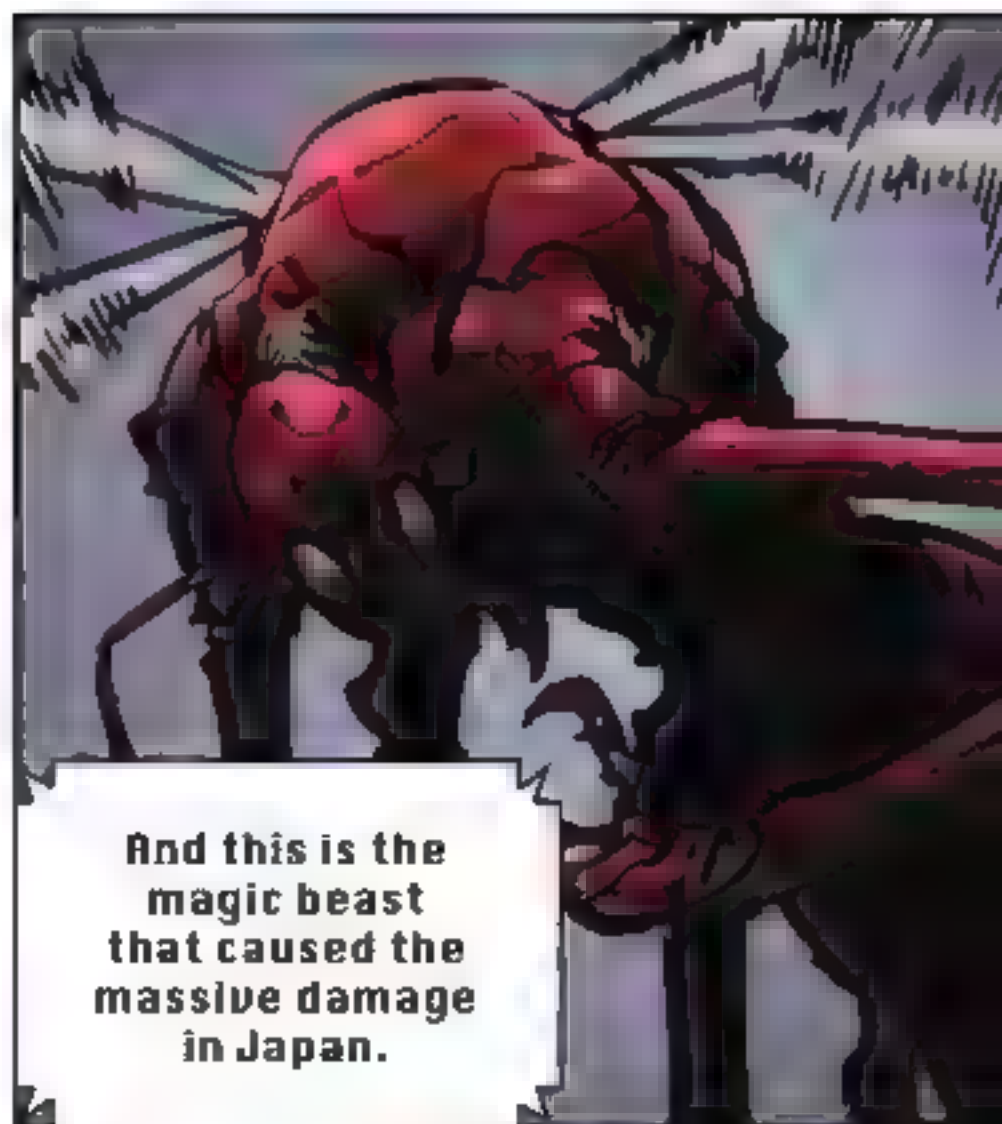
The ants walked upright on two legs like humans. Their huge heads were smaller, they were more agile...

...and they could use their other four legs like hands.

The species had transformed within two years.

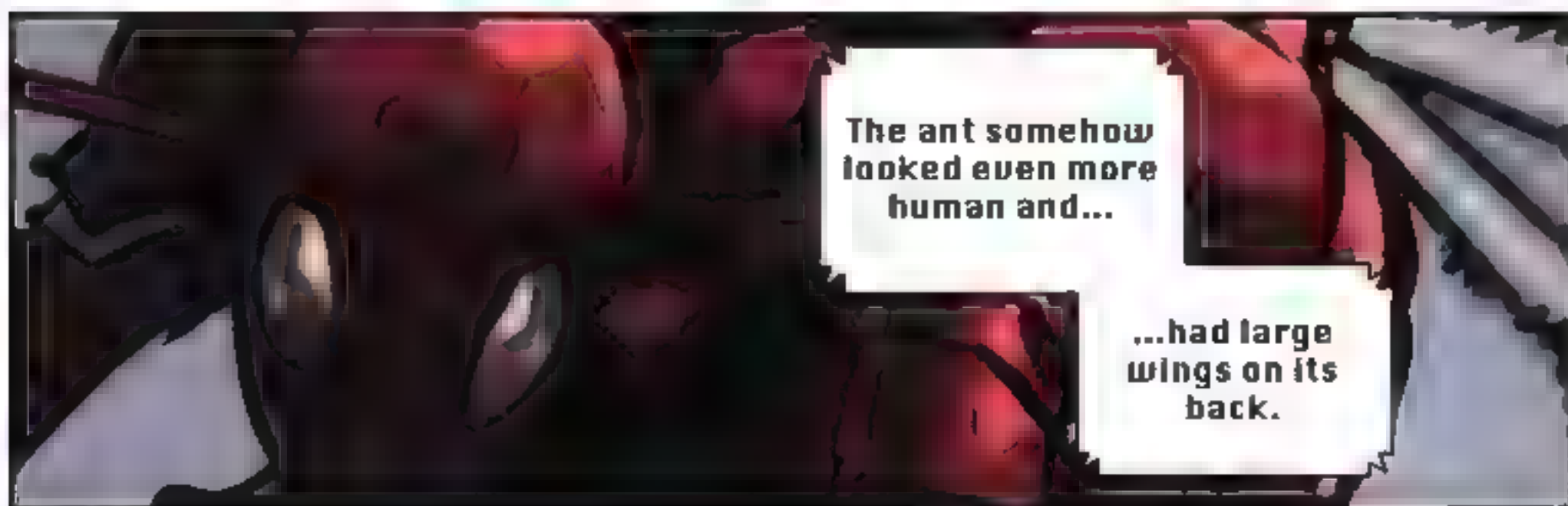


And this is the magic beast that caused the massive damage in Japan.



The ant somehow looked even more human and...

...had large wings on its back.



THAT THING CAN FLY?

THAT'S CORRECT.

THIS WAS ALSO THE CATALYST FOR THE KOREA-JAPAN ALLIANCE.



EVEN THE BRAVEST HUNTERS WOULDN'T WANT TO SQUARE OFF AGAINST THOSE TERRIFYING MAGIC BEASTS.

MEANWHILE, ONE HUNTER IS COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT TO FACE THE ANTS.



> Why isn't Jinwoo Sung's name on the Korean list?

> The rank don't change ppl
Once an E-rank, always an E-rank! I bet he peed himself and ran off scared LOL

> Even the retired Hunter Byunggu Min is joining the raid...but no Jinwoo Sung?

> He's really gonna be like that after becoming an S-rank?!
So humiliating T_T





WE NEED
AN OFFICE TO
FORM A GUILD!

SO? WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
BOSS?

I PICKED THE
BEST SPACE
I COULD FIND
NEAR YOUR
APARTMENT!

ISN'T IT TOO
BIG FOR THE
TWO OF US?

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN? A PRESIDENT,
A VICE PRESIDENT,
AND AT LEAST ONE
EMPLOYEE.

TO FORM A
GUILD, YOU NEED
A MINIMUM OF
THREE HUNTERS,
BOSS.

THEN WE
HAVE TO RECRUIT
ANOTHER
HUNTER.

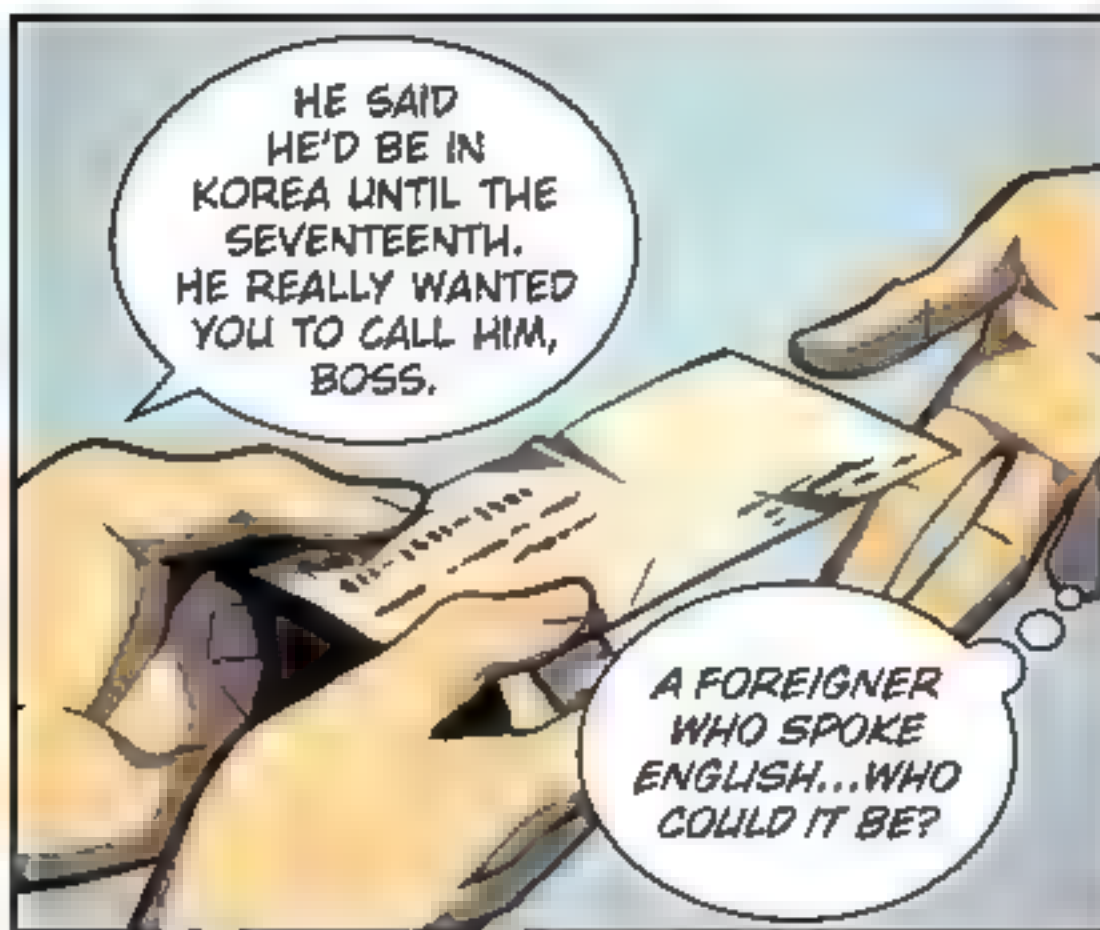
OF THE
HUNTERS I KNOW,
WHO WOULD COME
JUST TO FILL THE
QUOTA...?



OH RIGHT!
SOMEONE
WAS ASKING
FOR YOU.

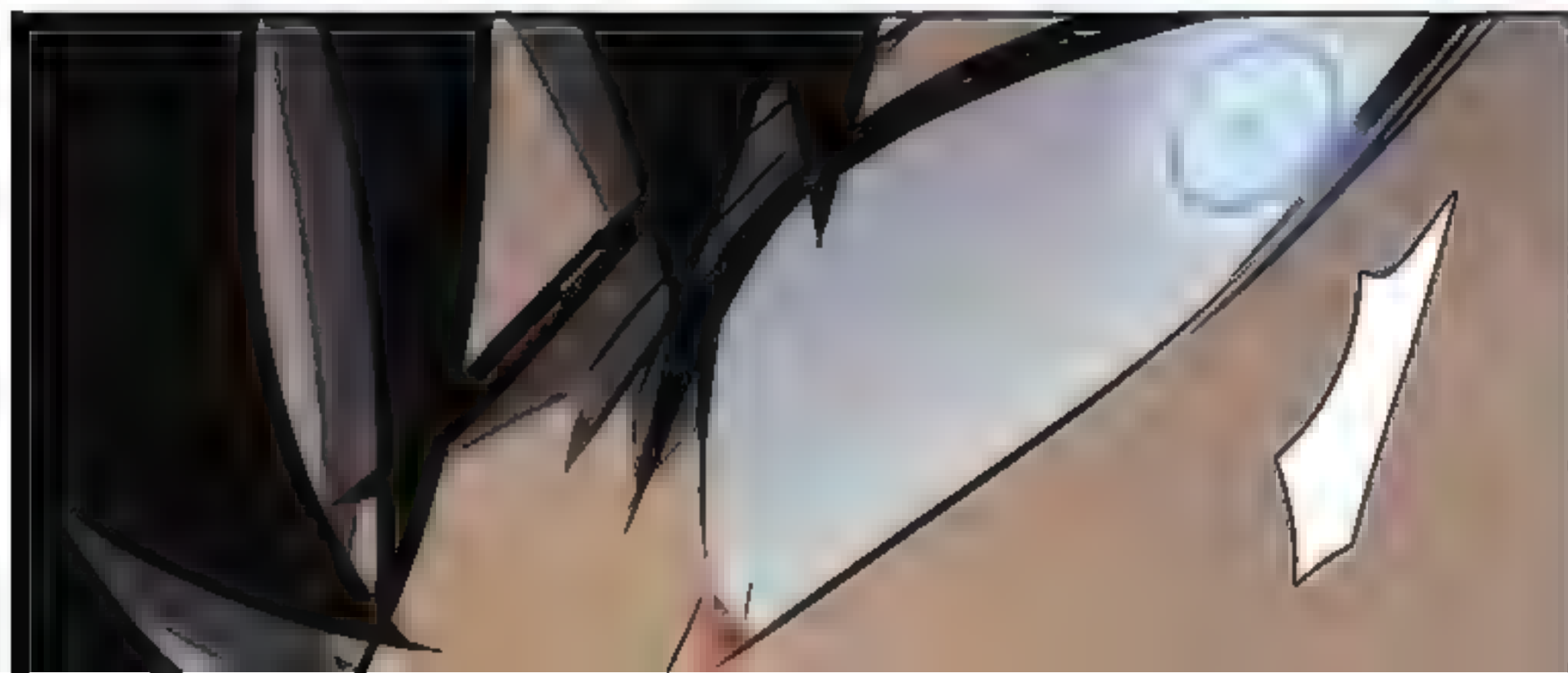
ME? WHO
WAS IT?

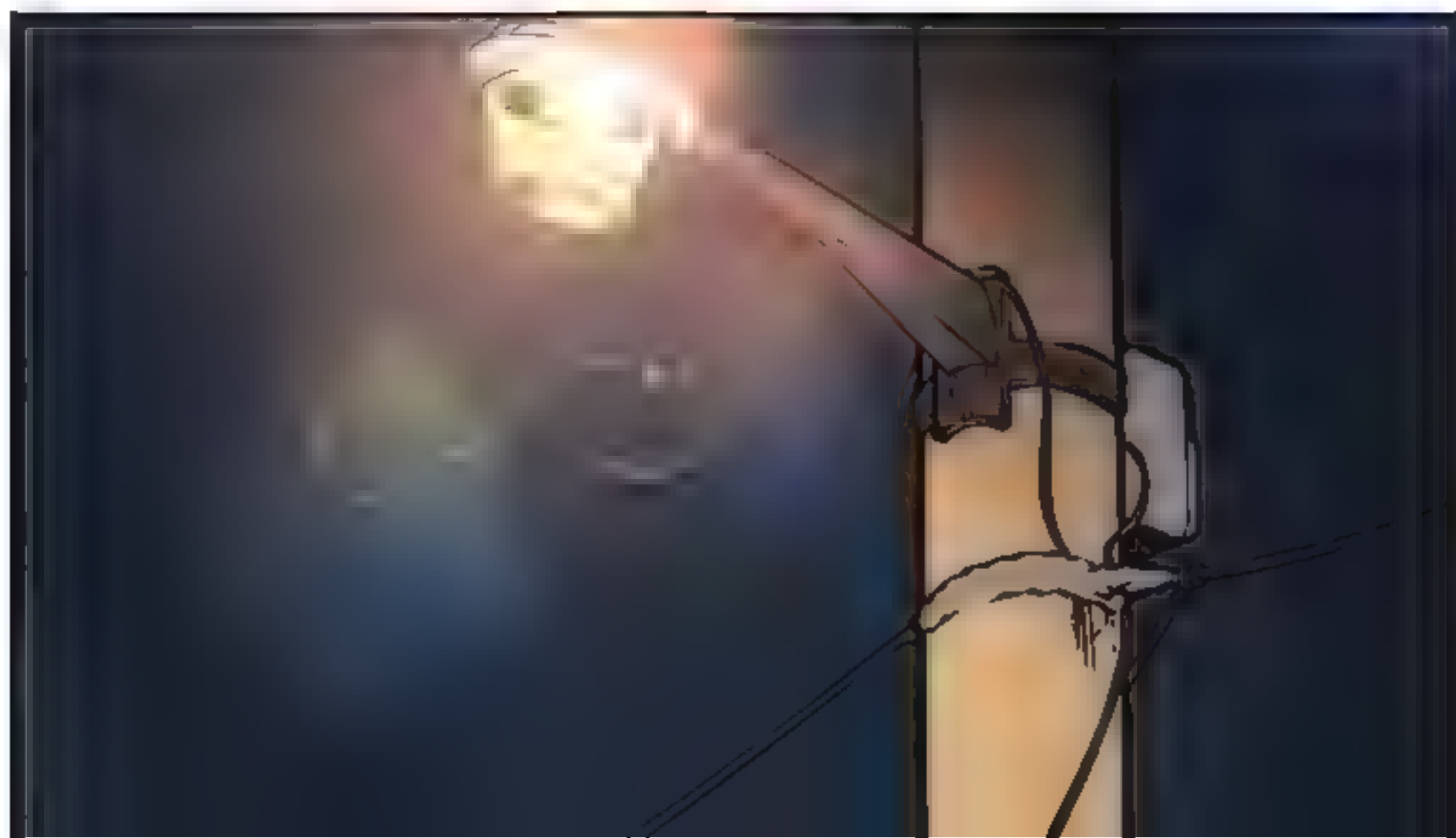
SOME
FOREIGNER
WHO SPOKE
ENGLISH...

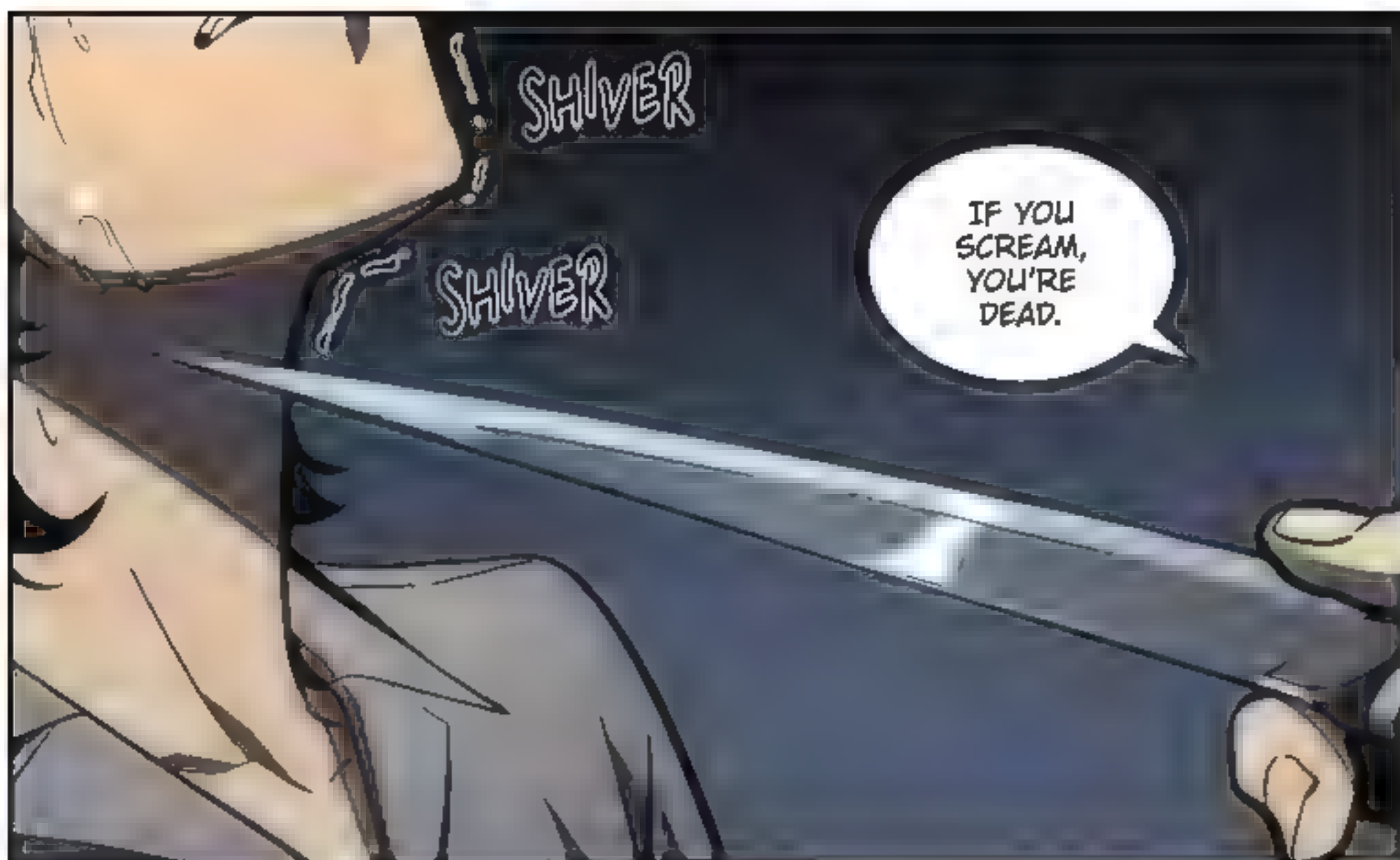


HE SAID
HE'D BE IN
KOREA UNTIL THE
SEVENTEENTH.
HE REALLY WANTED
YOU TO CALL HIM,
BOSS.

A FOREIGNER
WHO SPOKE
ENGLISH...WHO
COULD IT BE?









RIGHT?
I LIKE THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD
A LOT TOO.



I'M
CURIOUS.

WHY ARE
YOU DOING
THIS?



WHAT?
YOU ABOUT
TO LECTURE
ME?

YOU
WANNA KNOW
WHY?

WELL,
IF I HAD TO
SAY...



...IT'S
BECAUSE
IT'S FUN!

DASH

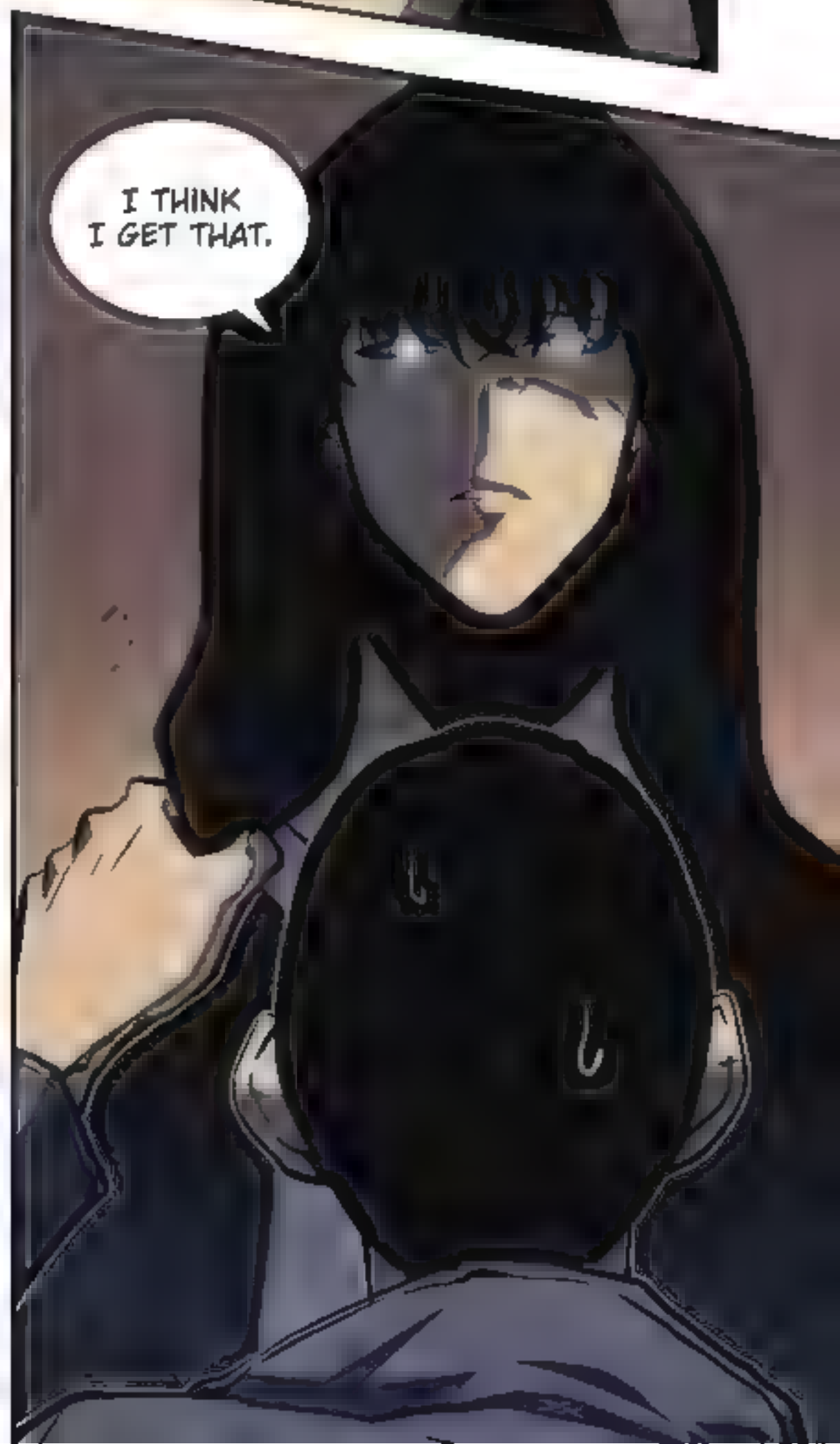


IT'S STRANGE,
BUT WHEN I SEE
SOMEONE
WEAKER THAN ME,
I HAVE THIS
INTENSE DESIRE TO
MESS WITH—

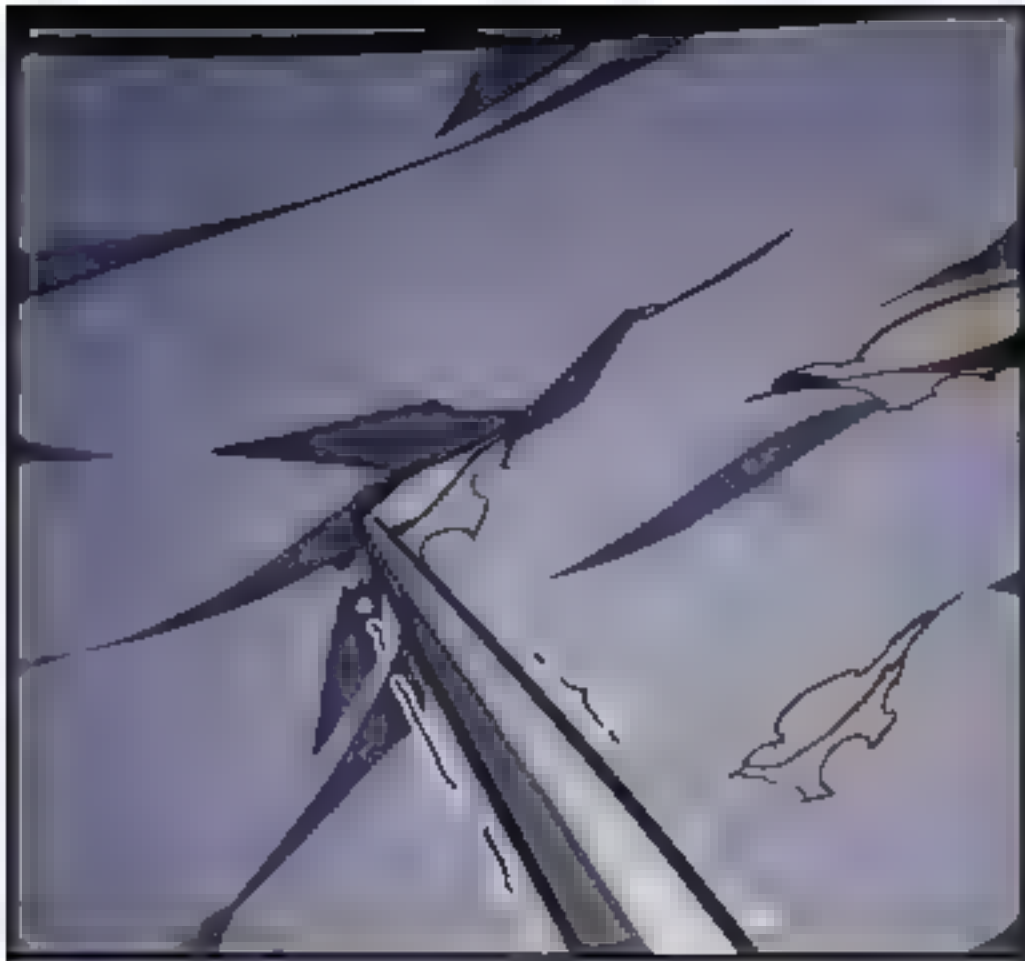
STAB

STAB

STAB



I THINK
I GET THAT.



AND ONCE
YOU SUCCUMB
TO THAT
FEELING...

FLASH

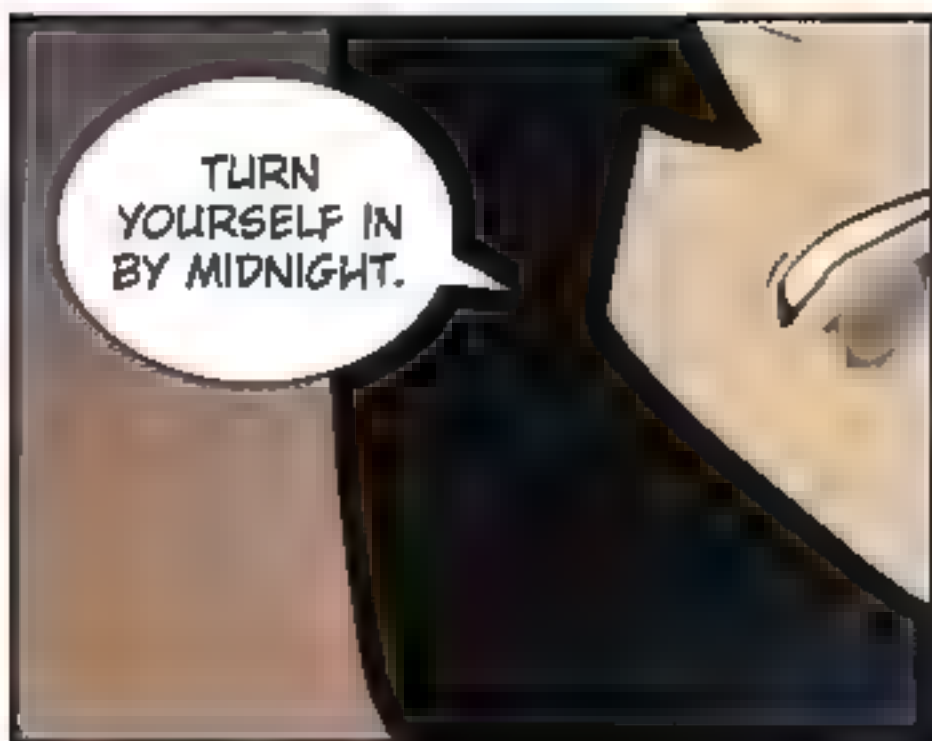
...IT'S HARD
TO RETURN TO
AN ORDINARY
LIFE, RIGHT?

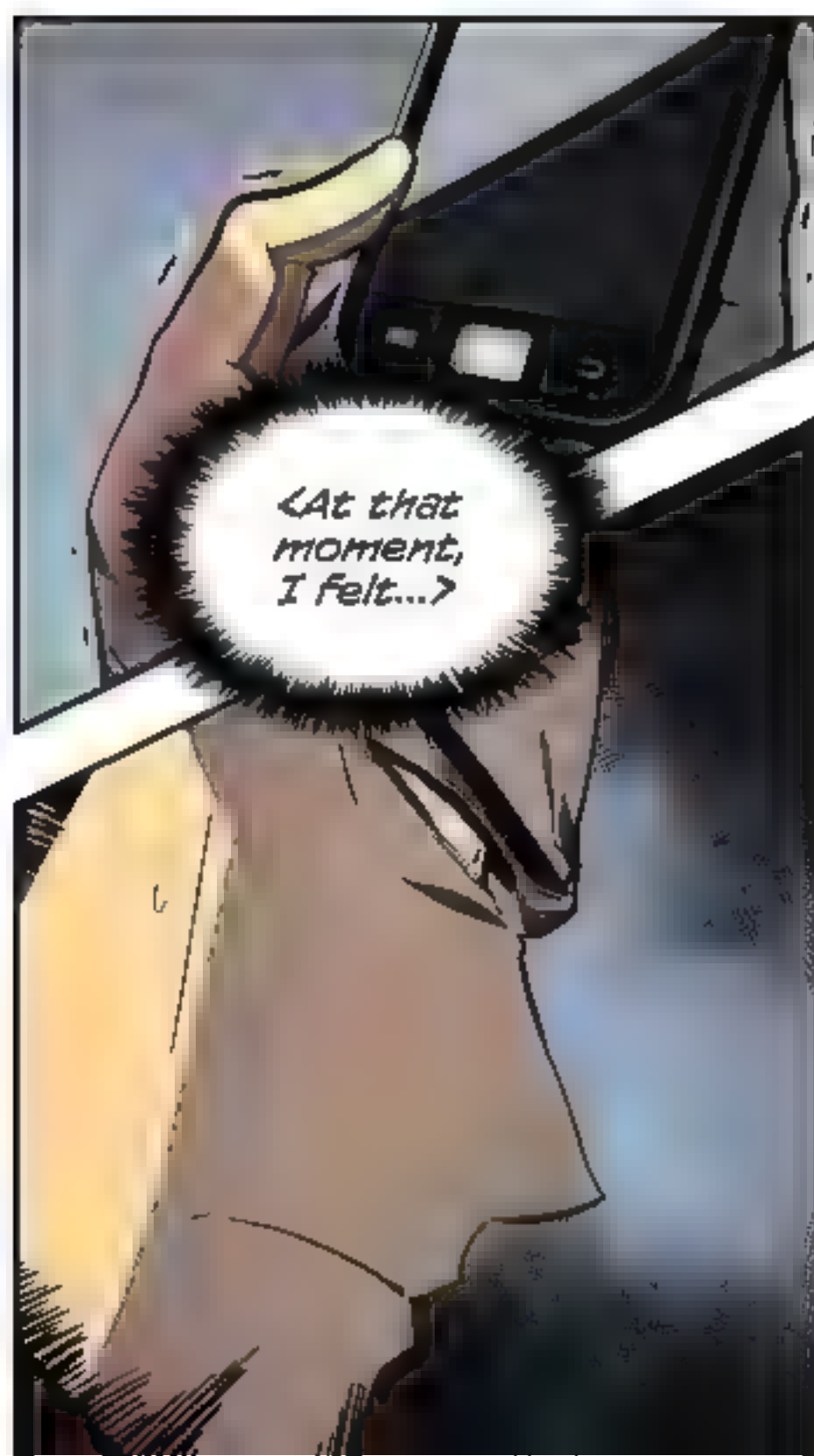
**ARRRRGH!!
AHHH!!**

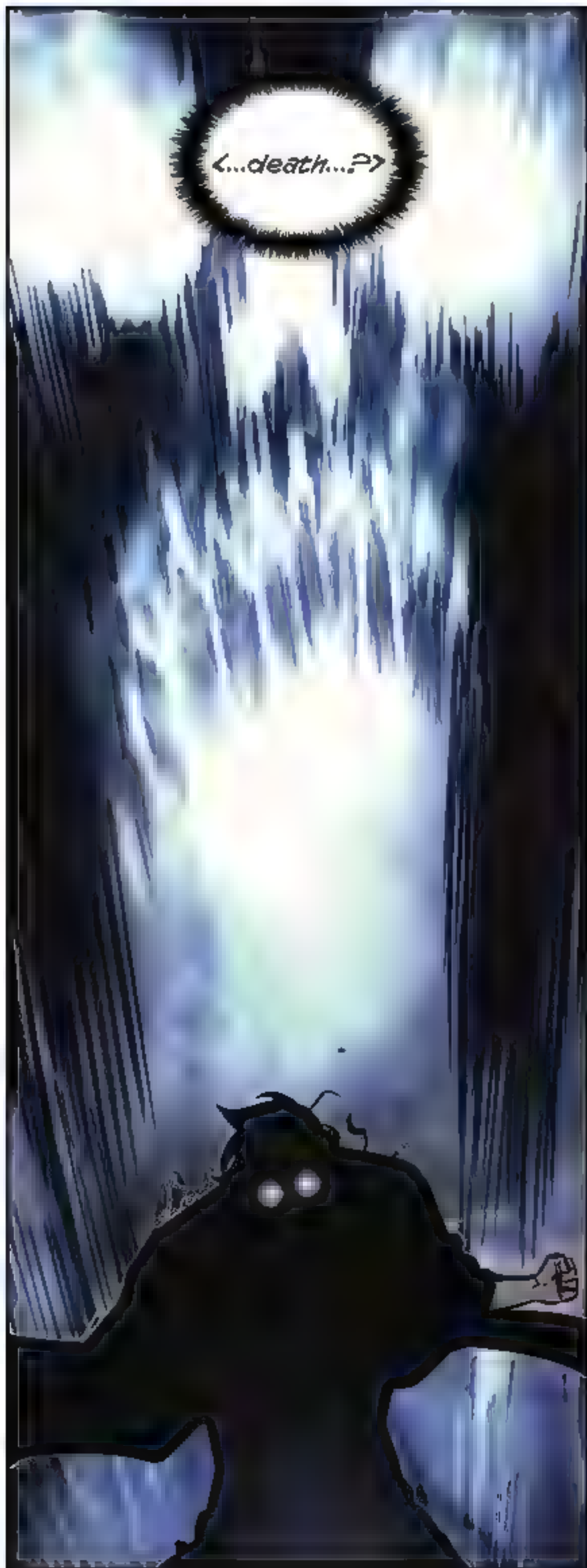


IT'D BE
NICE...

...IF YOU CAN
GET HOME BEFORE
IT'S TOO DARK.

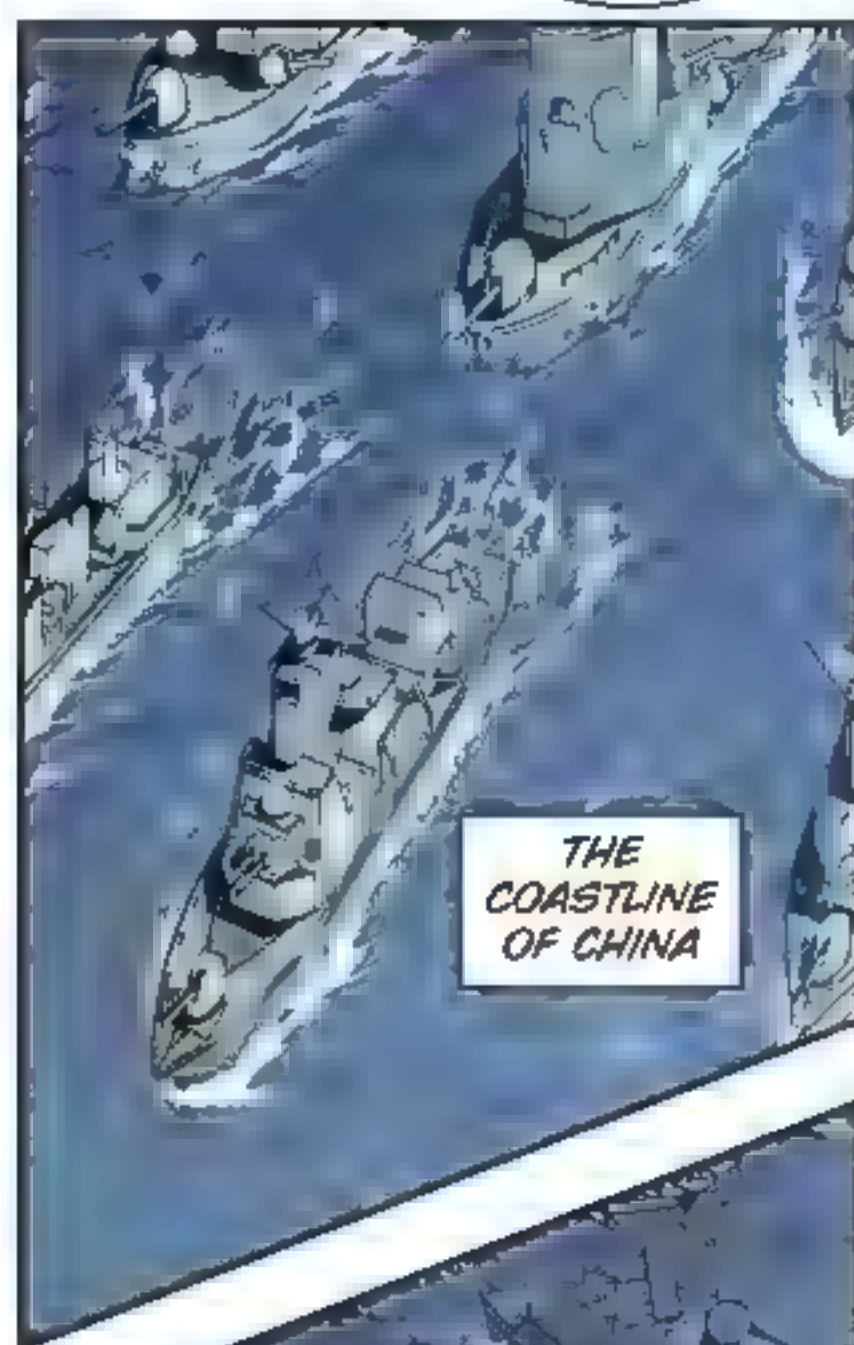




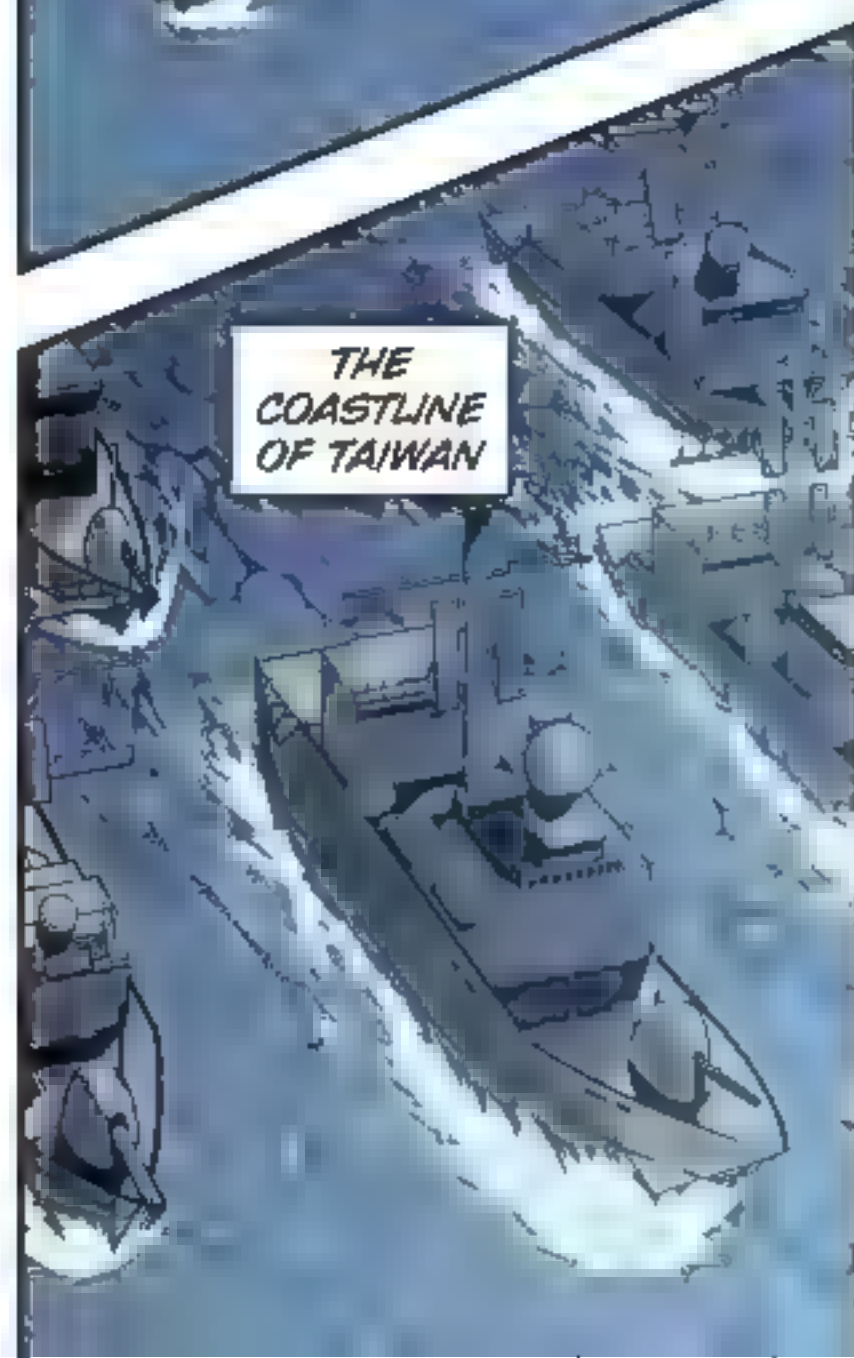


<Haah...>

<I guess
I'm being too
sensitive...>



THE
COASTLINE
OF CHINA



THE
COASTLINE
OF TAIWAN

NEAR JEJU
ISLAND

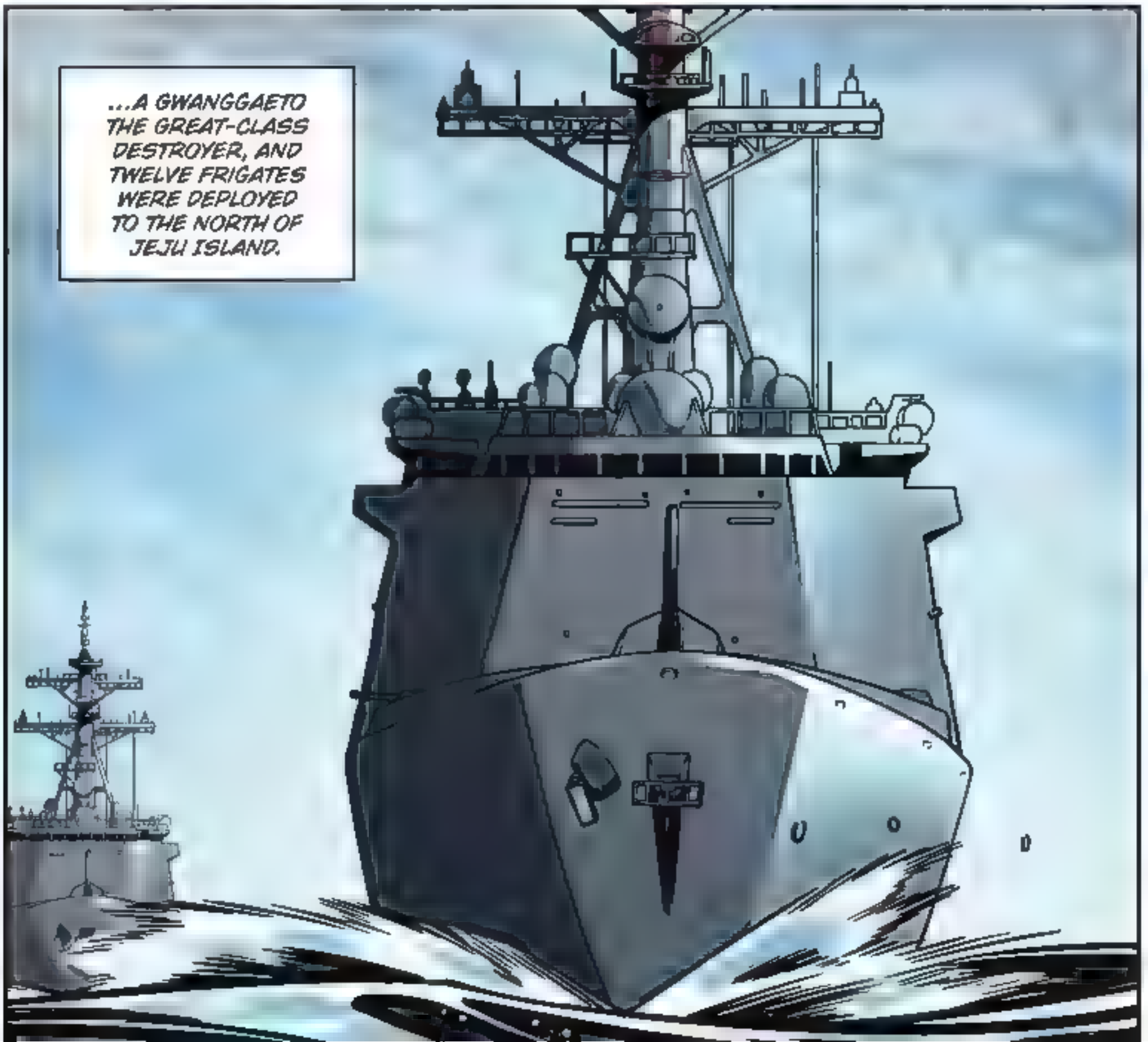


TWO AEGIS COMBAT
SYSTEMS — WHICH ARE
ON THE SAME LEVEL AS
SEJONG THE GREAT-CLASS
DESTROYERS — TWO KDDX-
CLASS DESTROYERS. .



...FOUR
CHUNG MUGONG YI
SUN-SIN-CLASS
DESTROYERS...

...A GWANGGAETO
THE GREAT-CLASS
DESTROYER, AND
TWELVE FRIGATES
WERE DEPLOYED
TO THE NORTH OF
JEJU ISLAND.





PAY
ATTENTION
NOW.

ANTS
MIGHT SENSE
SOMETHIN' COMIN'
AND FLY OUT
HERE.

BRO, WILL
THIS PLAN
EVEN WORK
ON THE
ANTS?

NO ONE
KNOWS 'TIL
WE TRY.



AND THAT'S
WHY WE, THE
DEFENSE SQUAD,
ARE HERE.

WE HAVETA
KILL ANY FLYIN'
ANTS TO KEEP THEM
FROM REACHIN'
THE KOREAN
MAINLAND.

YOU'RE SO
GREAT...! I,
YOONTAE JUNG,
TRUST AND
FOLLOW YA!



PLEASE
TAKE CARE OF
OUR LINE OF
DEFENSE.



WHAT CAN I
EVEN DO? THE
DEFENSE SQUAD
IS JUST ON
STANDBY.

THERE'S
NOTHING TO
DO TODAY.

SINCE ALL
OUR GUILD
MEMBERS ARE
HERE, WHY
DON'T YOU DO
SOME TACTICAL
TRAINING?

HOW CAN I
DO THAT? I'M
A VICE GUILD
MASTER IN
NAME ONLY.

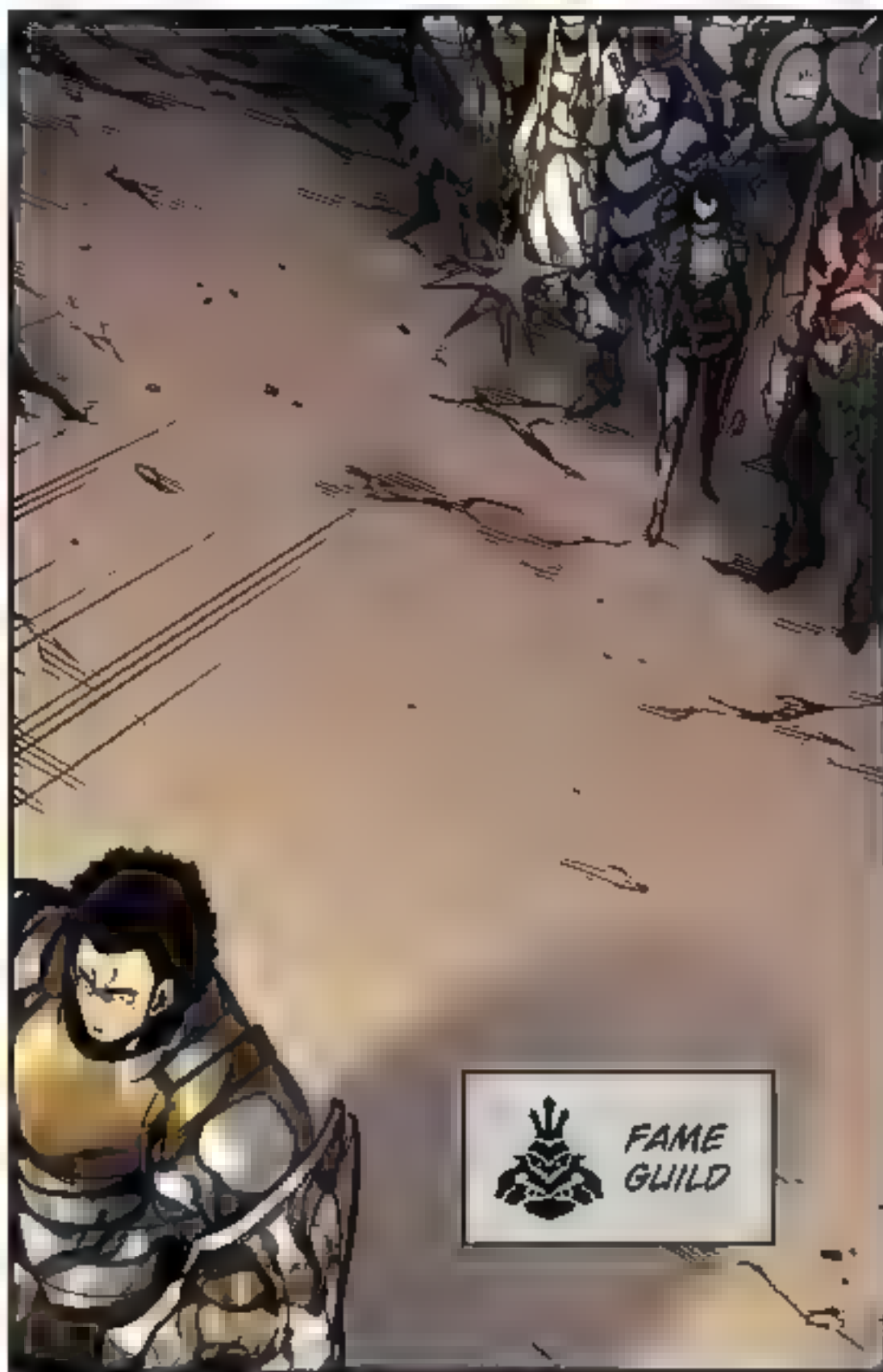


OUR GUILD HAS GROWN AS BIG AS IT HAS BECAUSE YOU'VE MANAGED IT WELL.

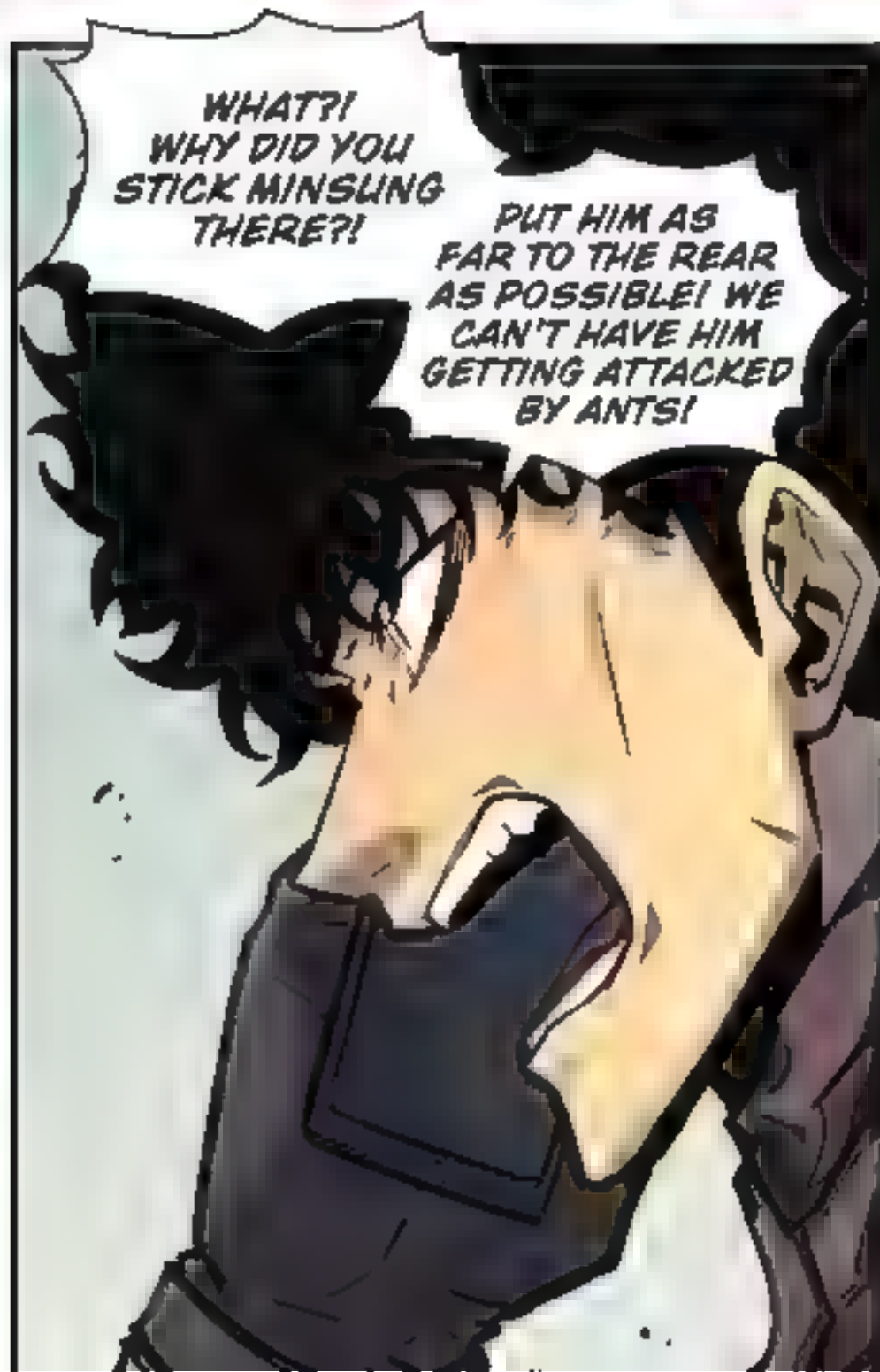
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED WE EXPAND OUR AREA OF ACTIVITY.

I'M BAD AT HANDLING THE BUSINESS SIDE.

I'M NOT COMFORTABLE SENDING YOU OUT, BUT PLEASE COME BACK SAFE.



FAME GUILD



WHAT?! WHY DID YOU STICK MINSUNG THERE?!

PUT HIM AS FAR TO THE REAR AS POSSIBLE! WE CAN'T HAVE HIM GETTING ATTACKED BY ANTS!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH HE'S WORTH?

WHAT? YOU CAN'T SWITCH HIS POSITION BECAUSE THE ASSIGNMENTS ARE SET?

THEN TELL HIM TO HIDE SOMEWHERE!

MEANWHILE,
EVERY GUILD IS
DEPLOYED TO
THE SOUTH...

...AT THE
REQUEST OF
THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION.

I CAN
MAKE A GOOD
IMPRESSION
HERE.



REAPERS
GUILD
MINSUNG LEE
(A-RANK)

EVEN IF THE RAID IS
SUCCESSFUL, THEY
ARE TASKED WITH
KEEPING THE ANTS
FROM REACHING THE
MAINLAND.



HUNTERS
GUILD
KIHOON SON
(A-RANK)

...WAS FORMED
TO PROTECT THE
MAINLAND.

A STRIKE SQUAD
CONSISTING OF A
B-RANK HUNTER,
THREE C-RANK
HUNTERS AND TEN
D-RANK HUNTERS...

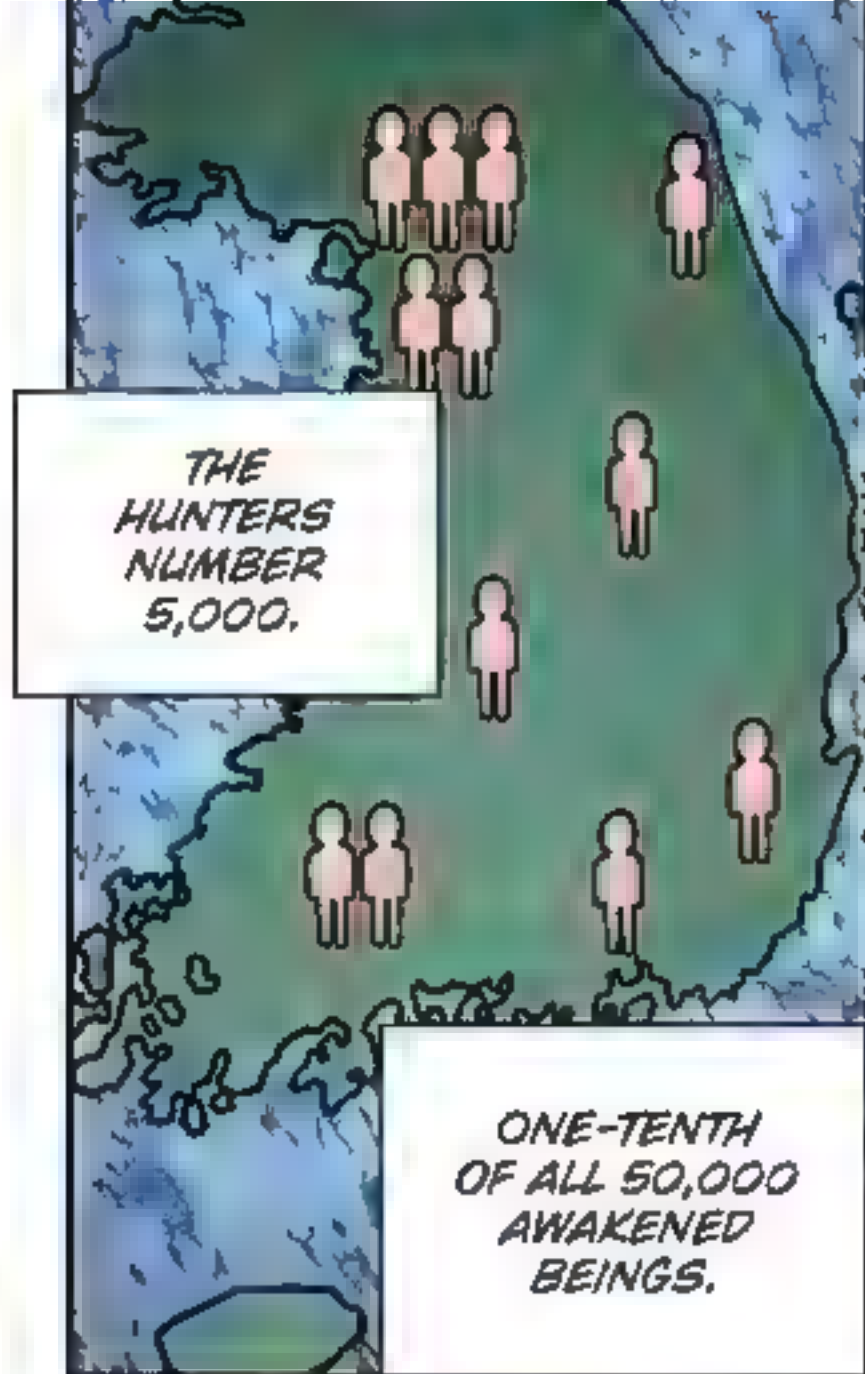


WHITE
TIGER
GUILD

JOOHEE LEE
(B-RANK)

CHIYUL SONG
(C-RANK)

EVEN RETIRED
HUNTERS AND
AWAKENED BEINGS
WHO HAVEN'T BECOME
HUNTERS YET ARE
TAKING PART...



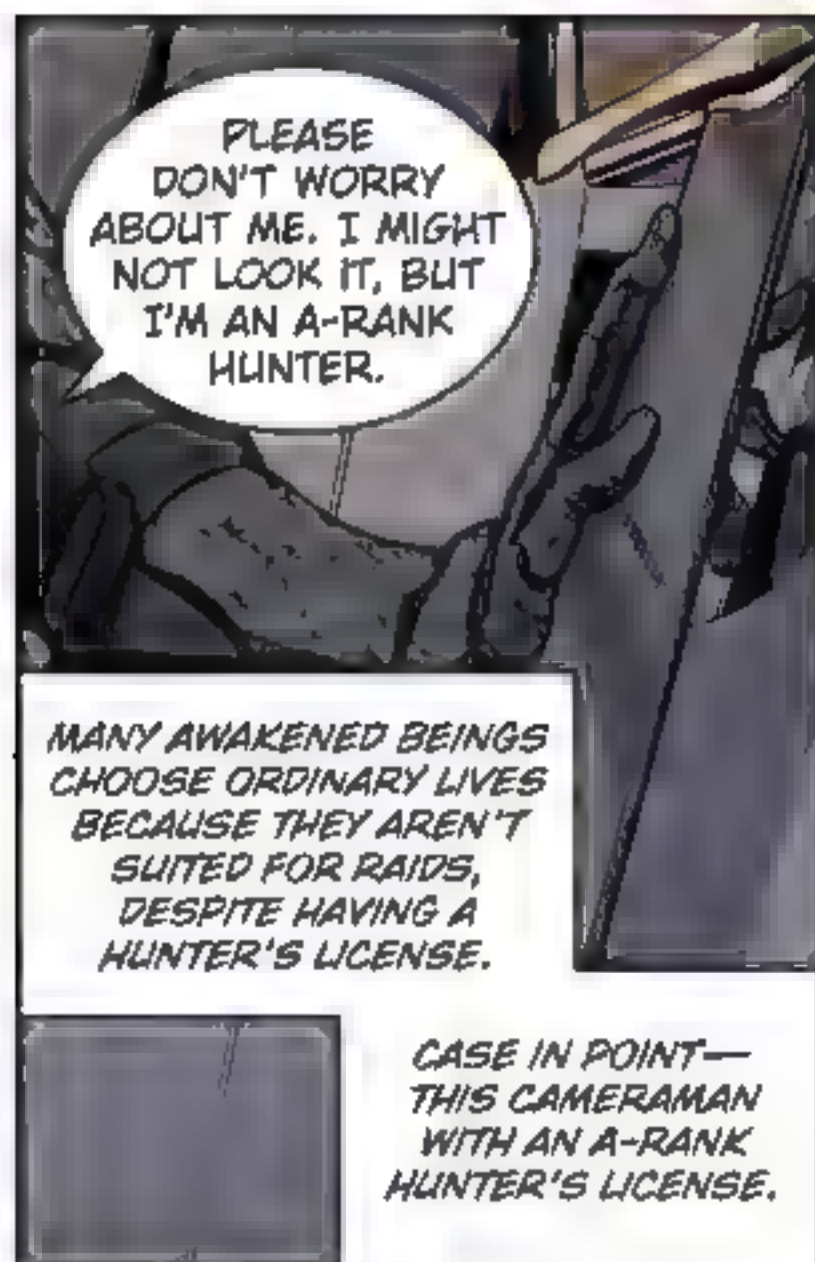


A CAMERAMAN
ACCOMPANYING
US INTO THIS
DANGEROUS
LOCATION...

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT PRESIDENT
GO WAS
THINKING...

HUNTERS DO
A BETTER JOB
WHEN THERE'S
SOMETHING
THEY NEED TO
PROTECT.

ANYWAY,
TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF, MR.
CAMERAMAN.



PLEASE
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME. I MIGHT
NOT LOOK IT, BUT
I'M AN A-RANK
HUNTER.

MANY AWAKENED BEINGS
CHOOSE ORDINARY LIVES
BECAUSE THEY AREN'T
SUITED FOR RAIDS,
DESPITE HAVING A
HUNTER'S LICENSE.

CASE IN POINT—
THIS CAMERAMAN
WITH AN A-RANK
HUNTER'S LICENSE.



IT'S LIKE I'M
WORKING TWO
JOBS AT ONCE.

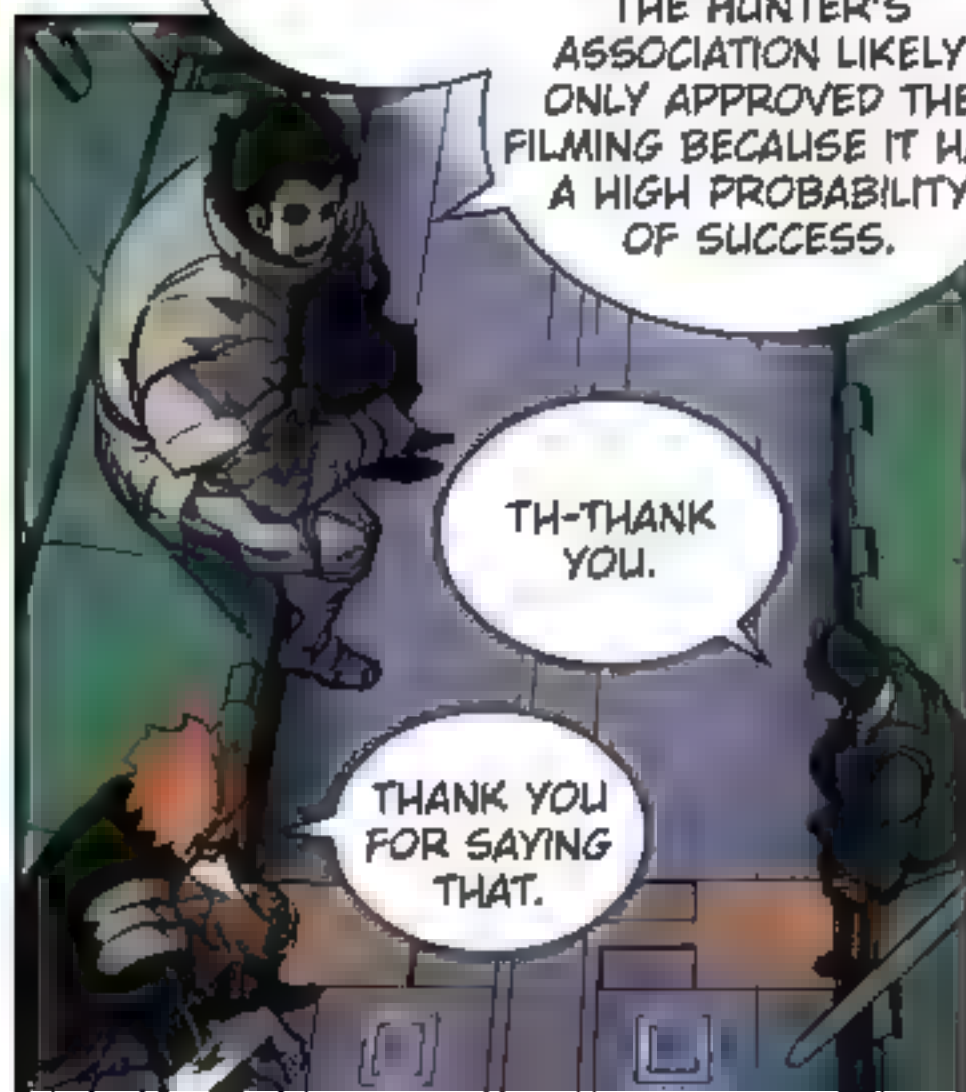
THIS ISN'T
THE FIRST TIME I'VE
FILMED SOMETHING
DANGEROUS,
THOUGH.

I'VE BEEN
IN SEVERAL
DUNGEON
BREAKS.



BUT...I'M NOT
SURE IF ANY
OF THOSE
EXPERIENCES WILL
HELP HERE.

DON'T BE TOO
NERVOUS.

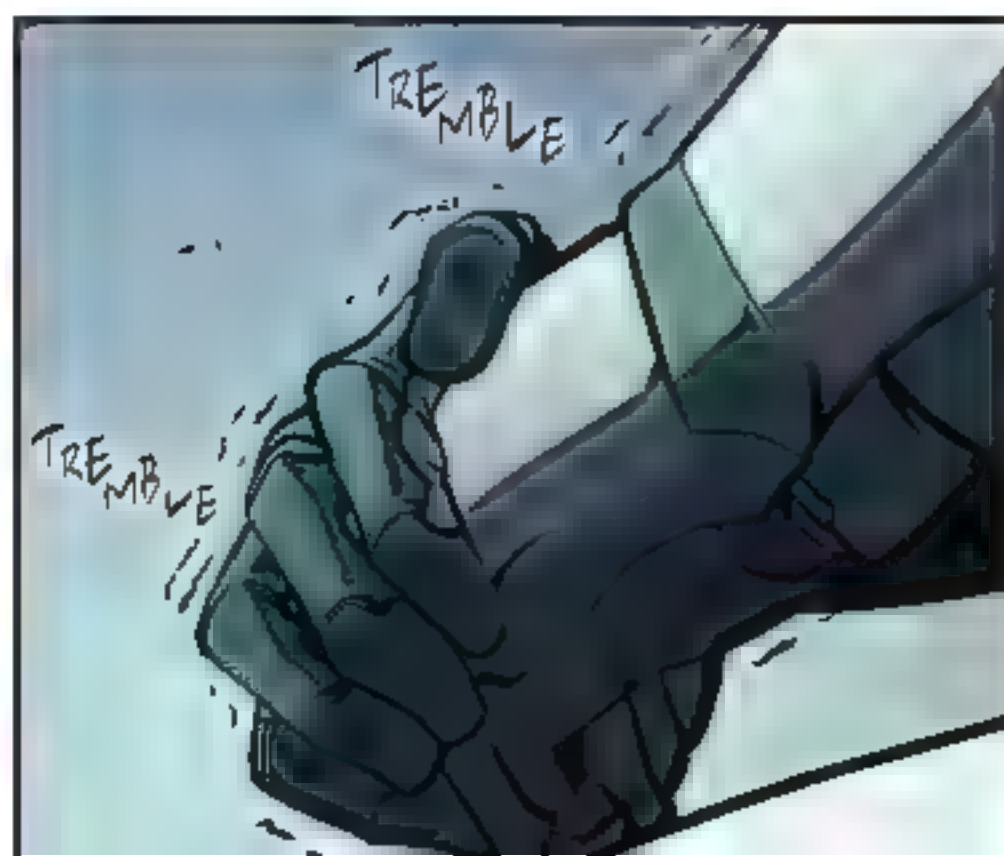
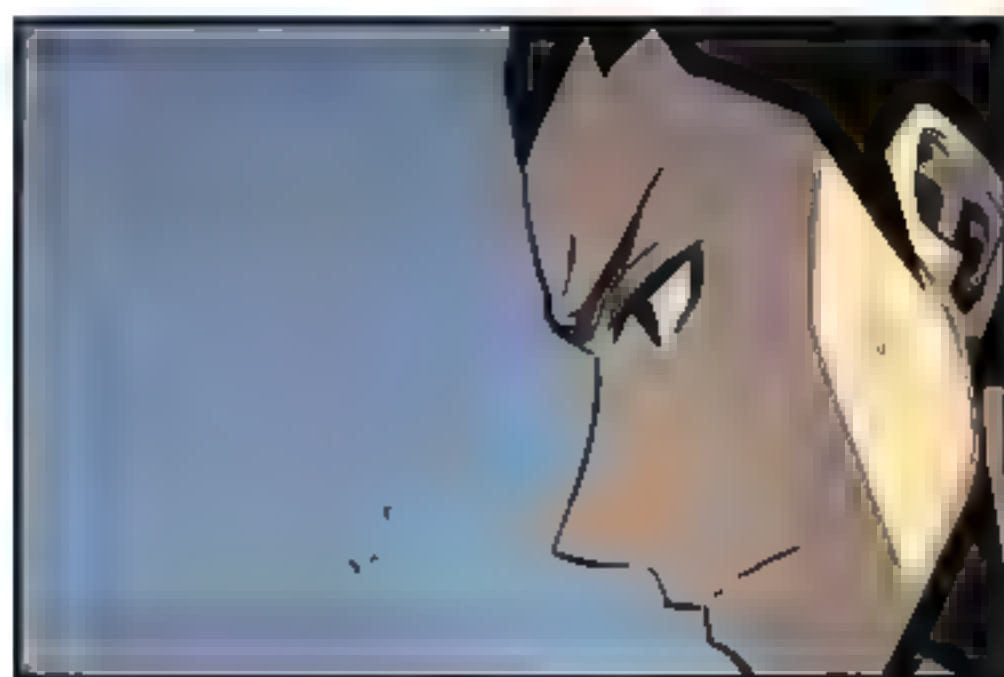
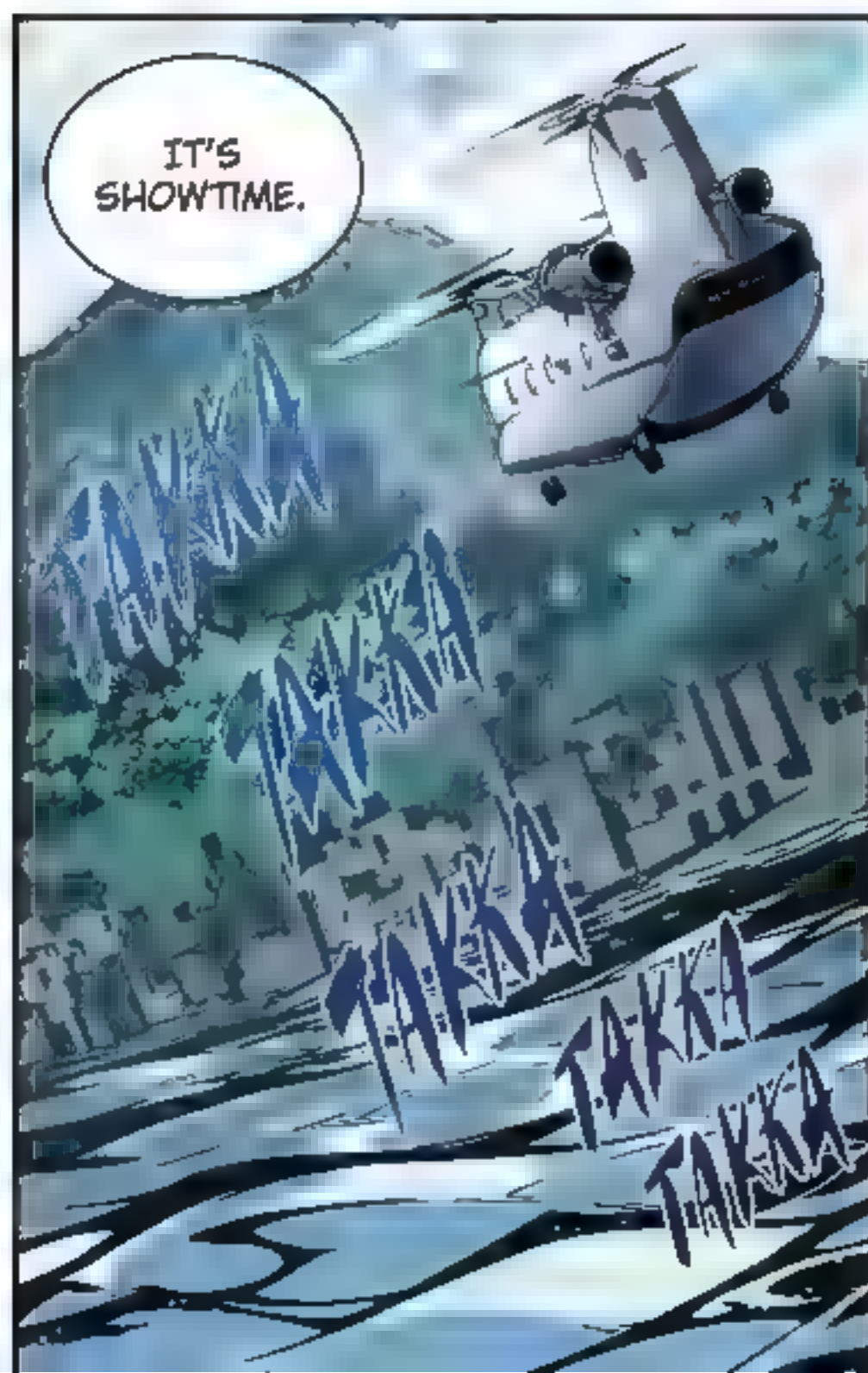
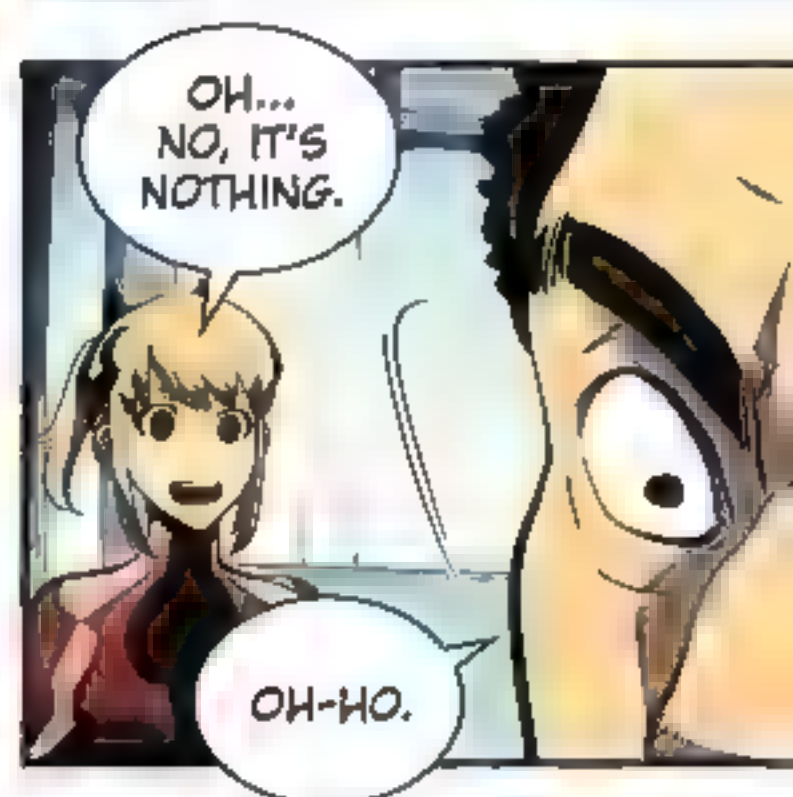
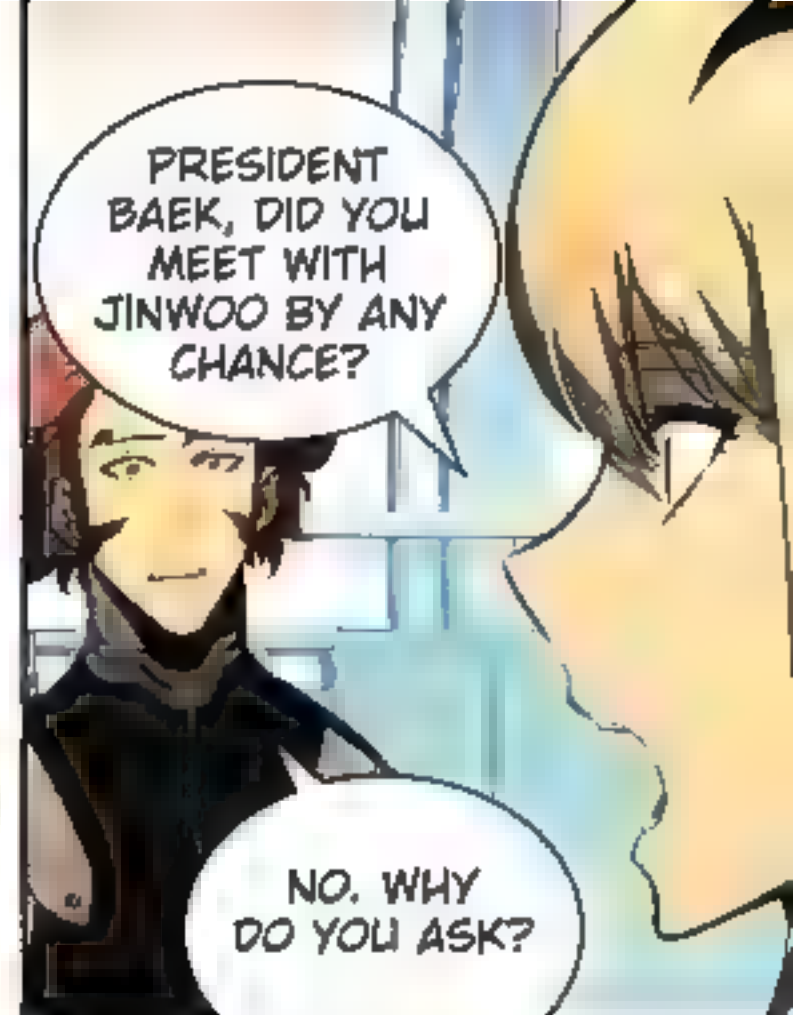


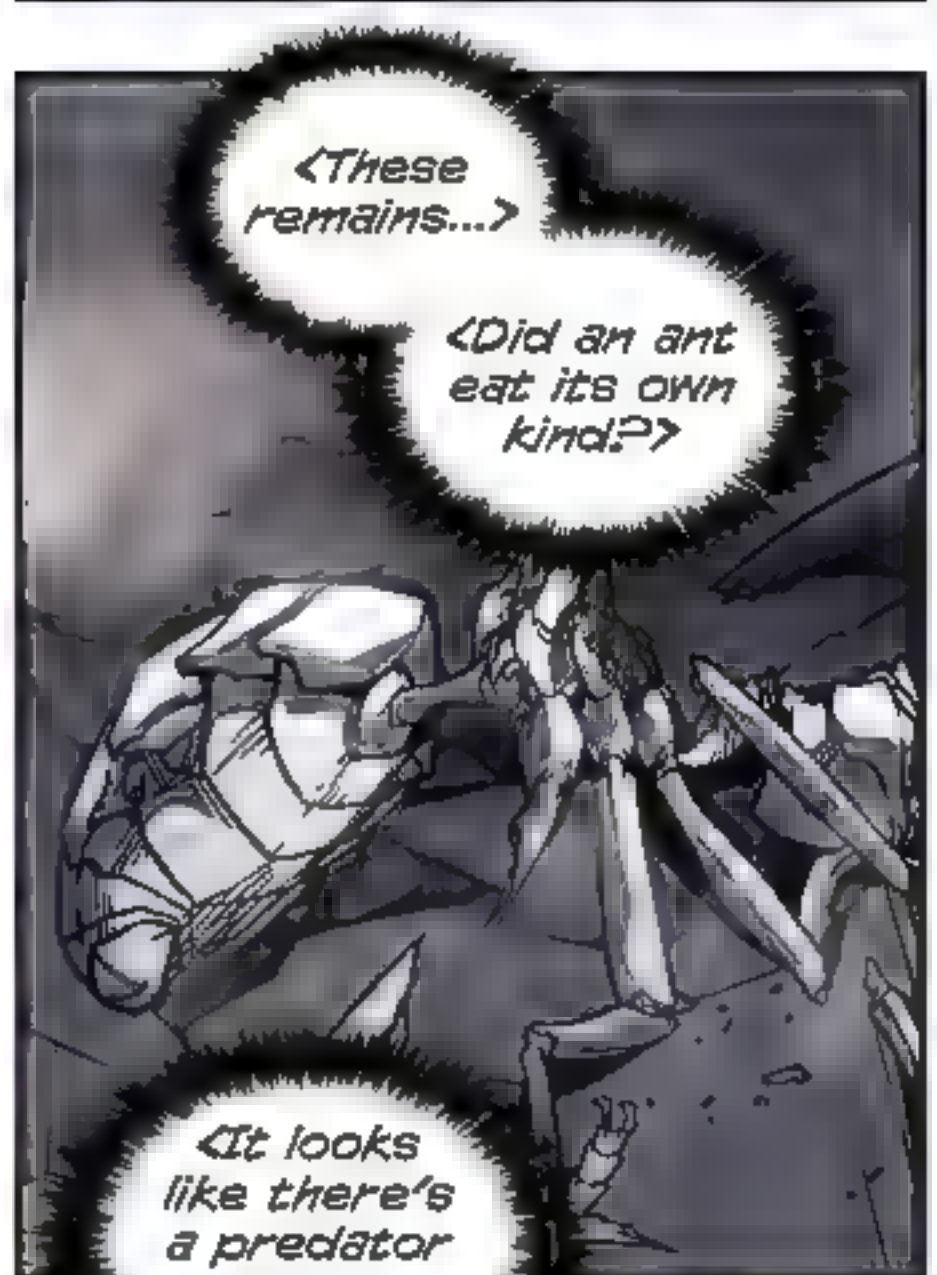
THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION LIKELY
ONLY APPROVED THE
FILMING BECAUSE IT HAS
A HIGH PROBABILITY
OF SUCCESS.

TH-THANK
YOU.

THANK YOU
FOR SAYING
THAT.

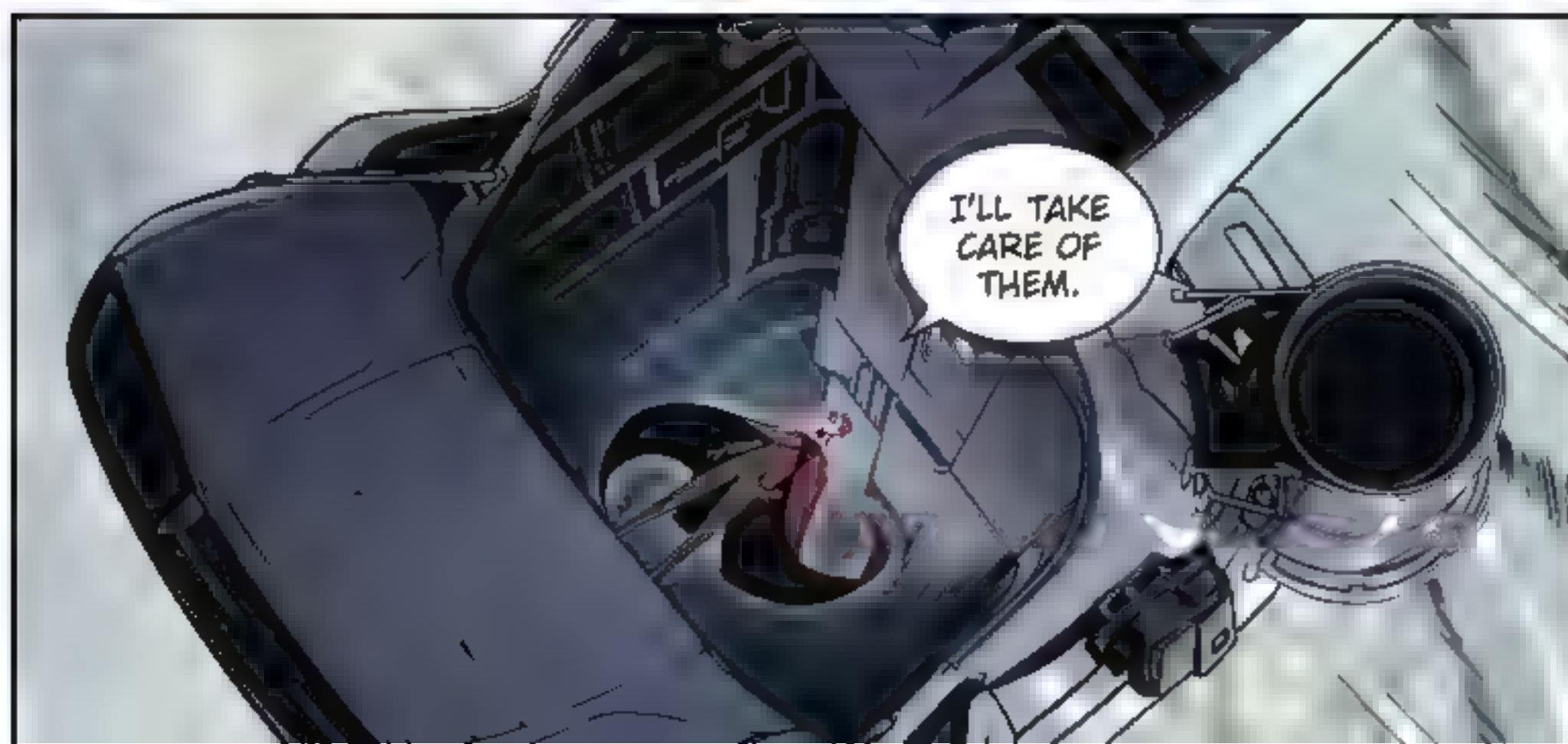
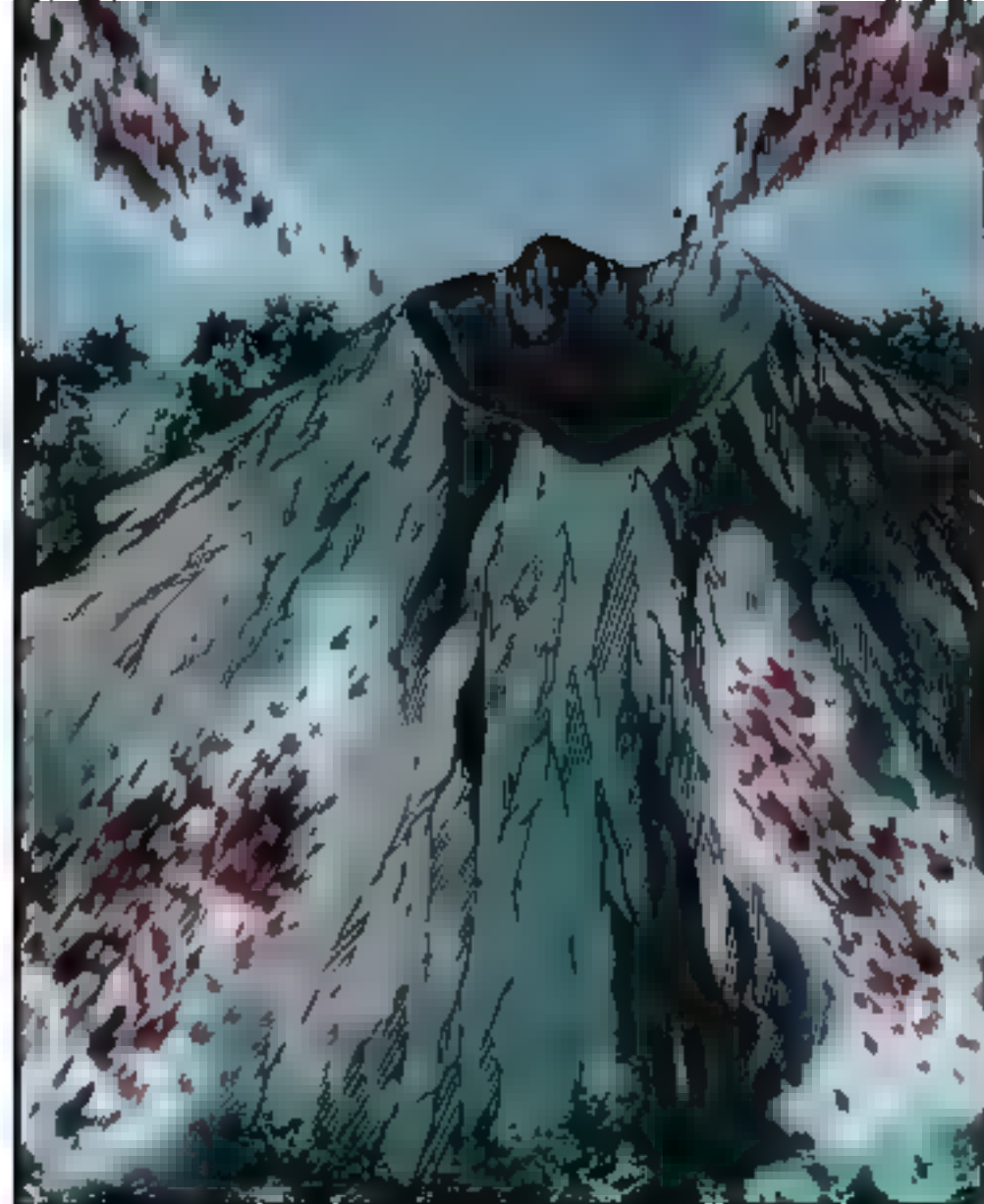


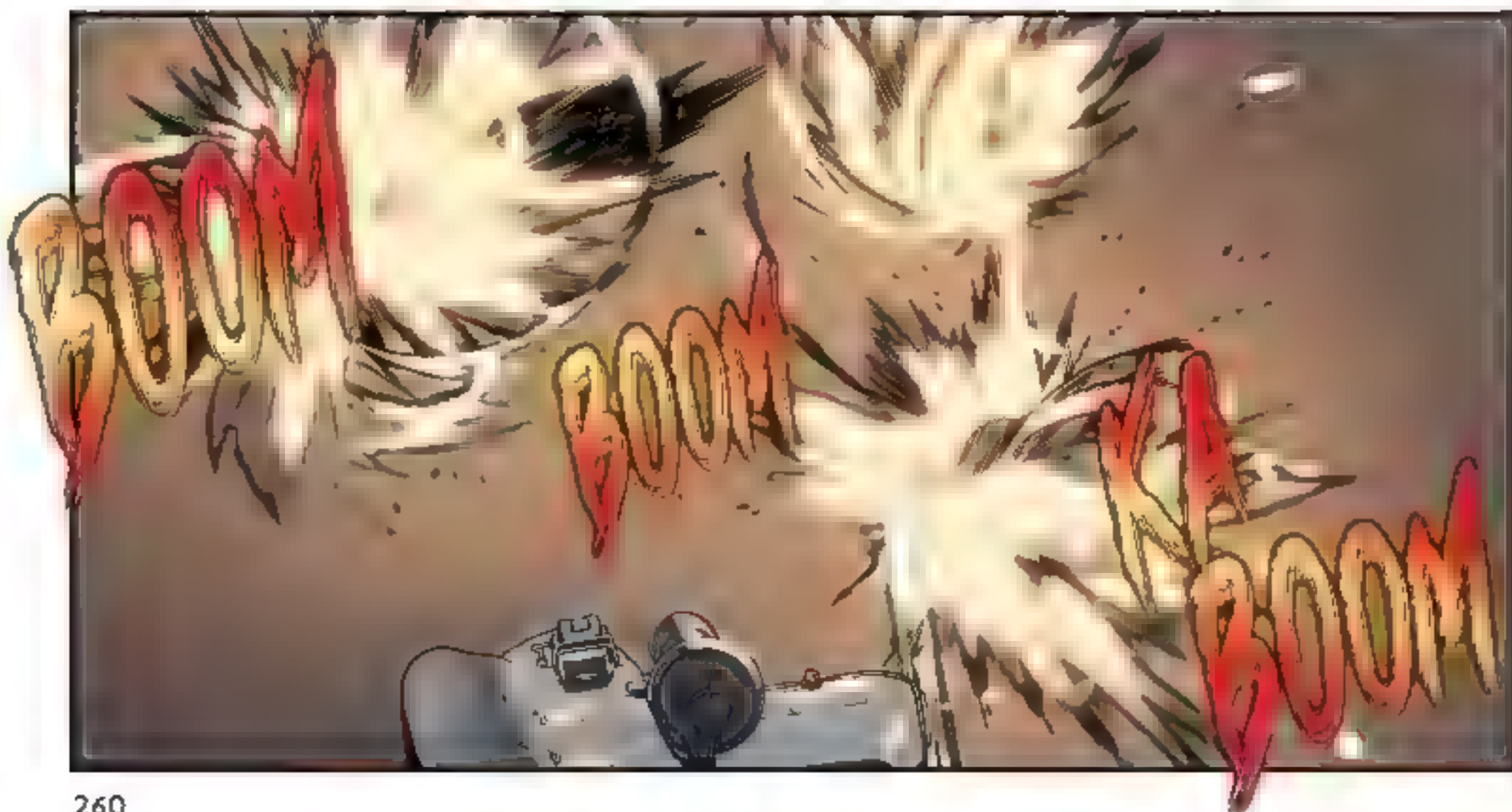
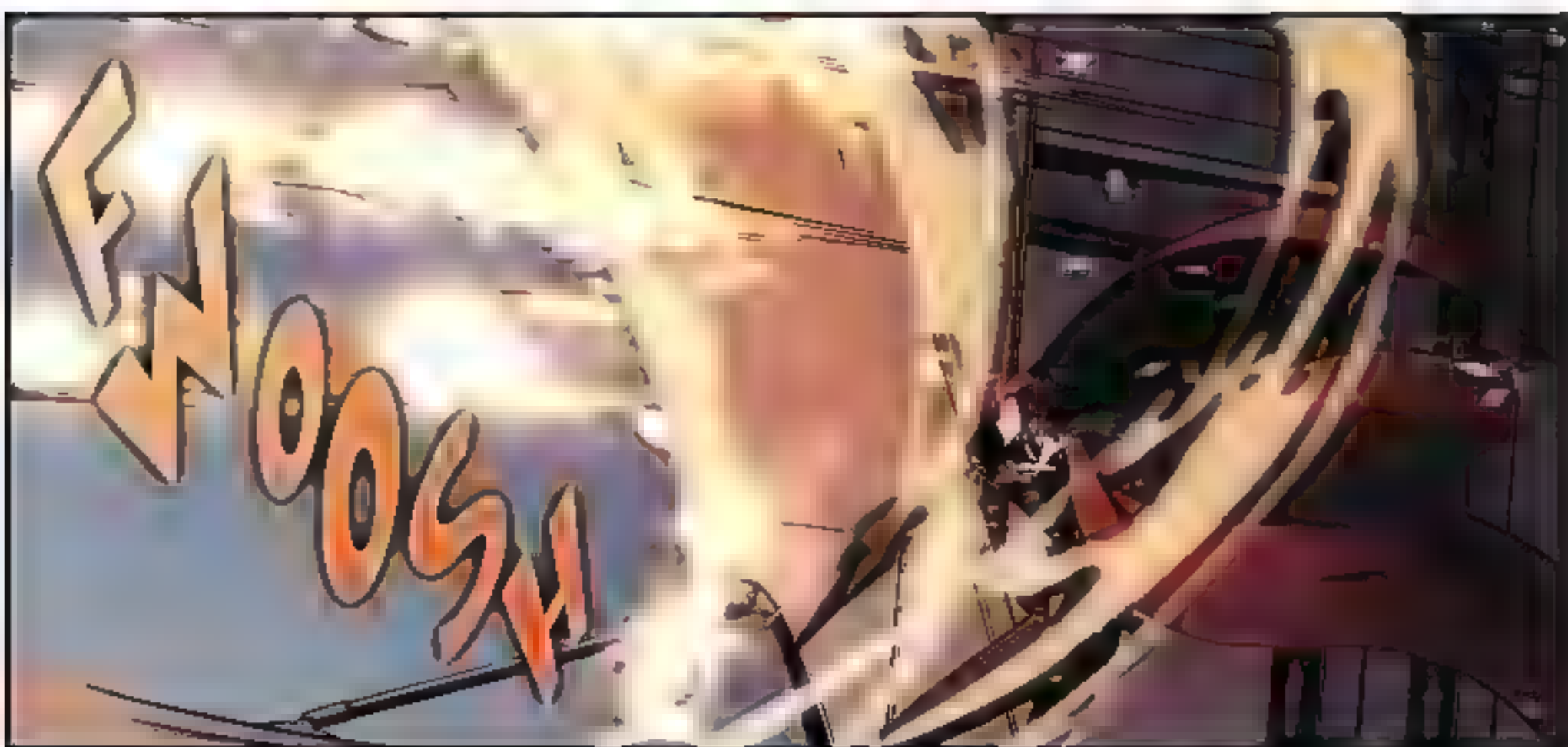
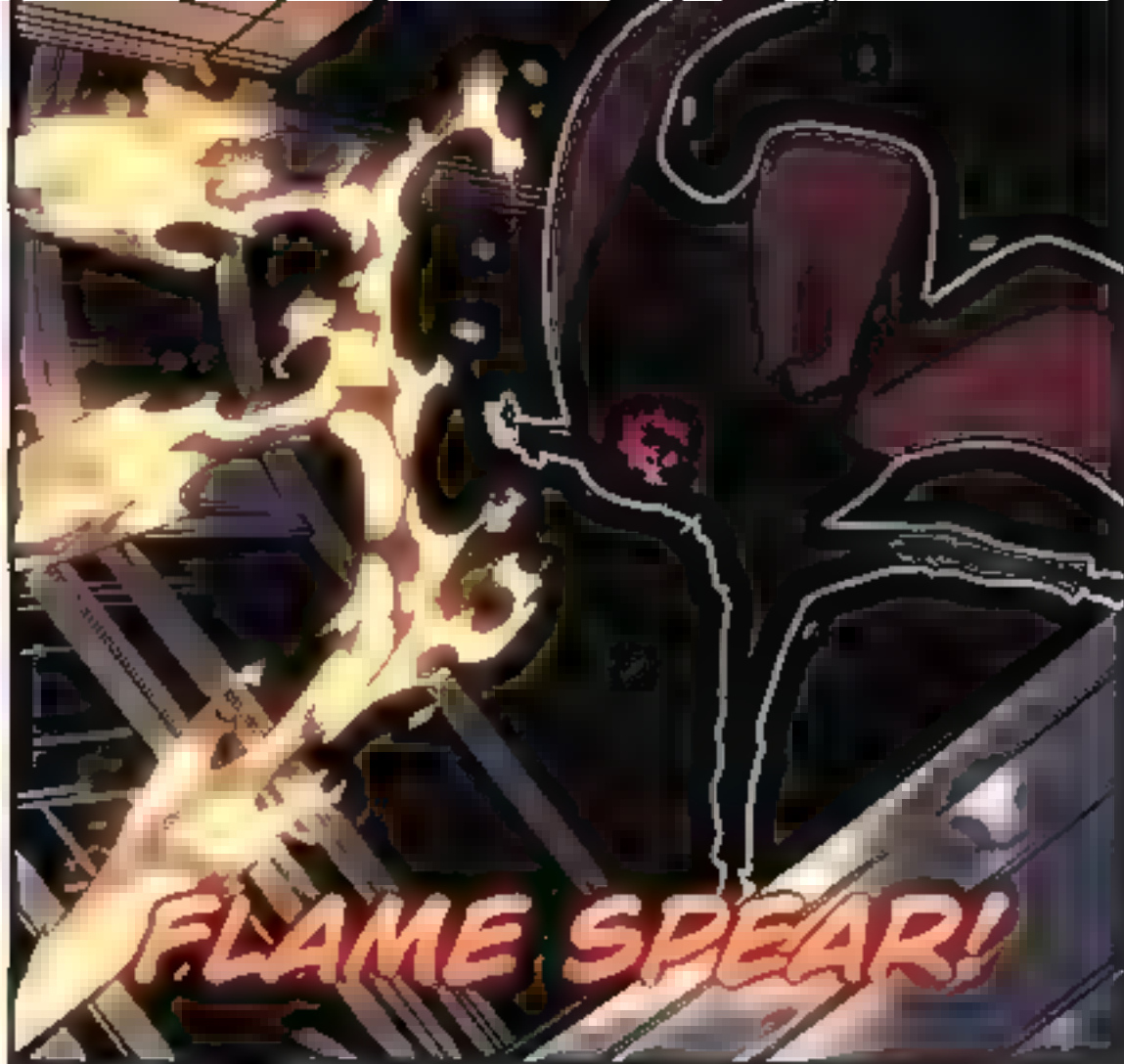


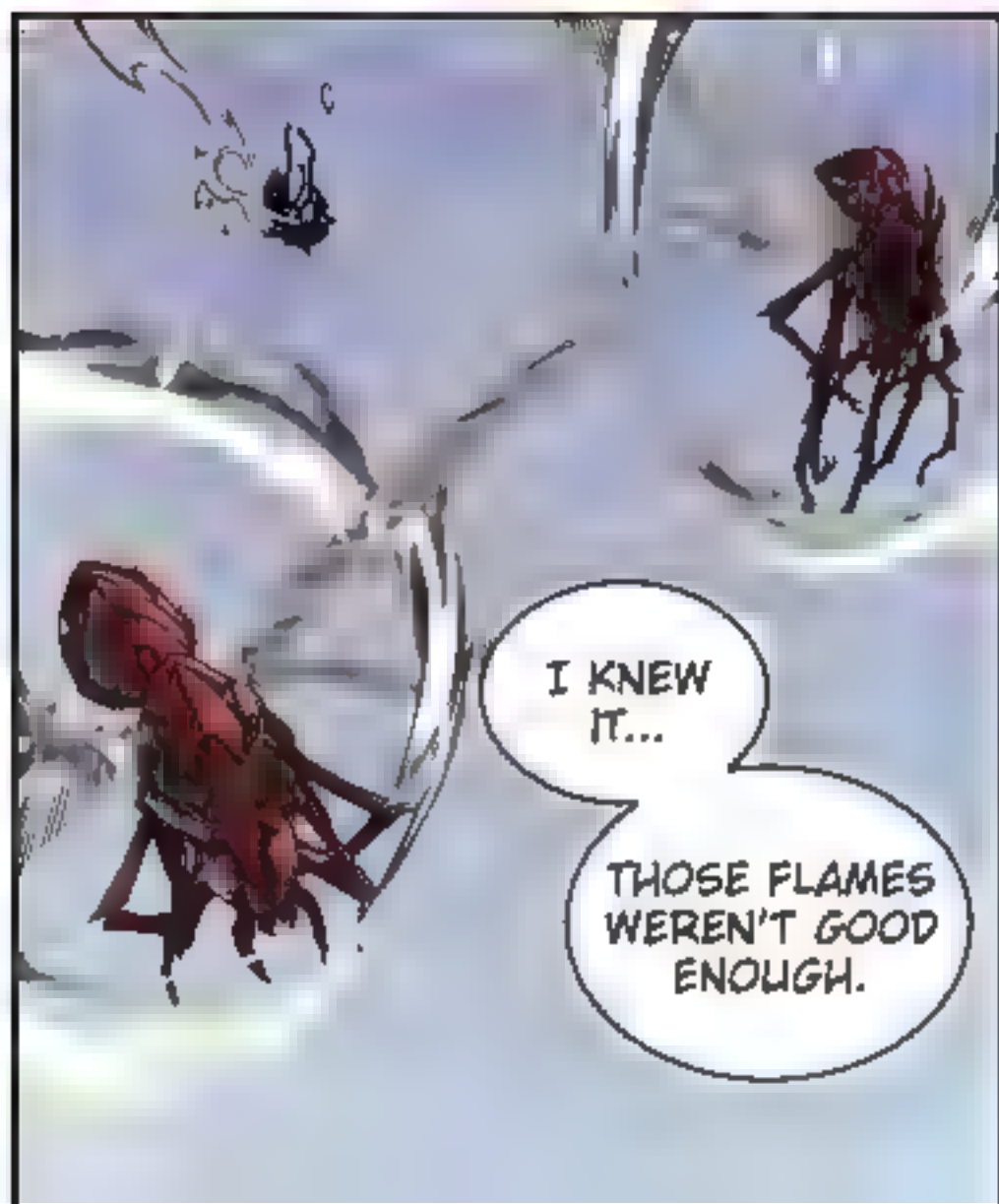
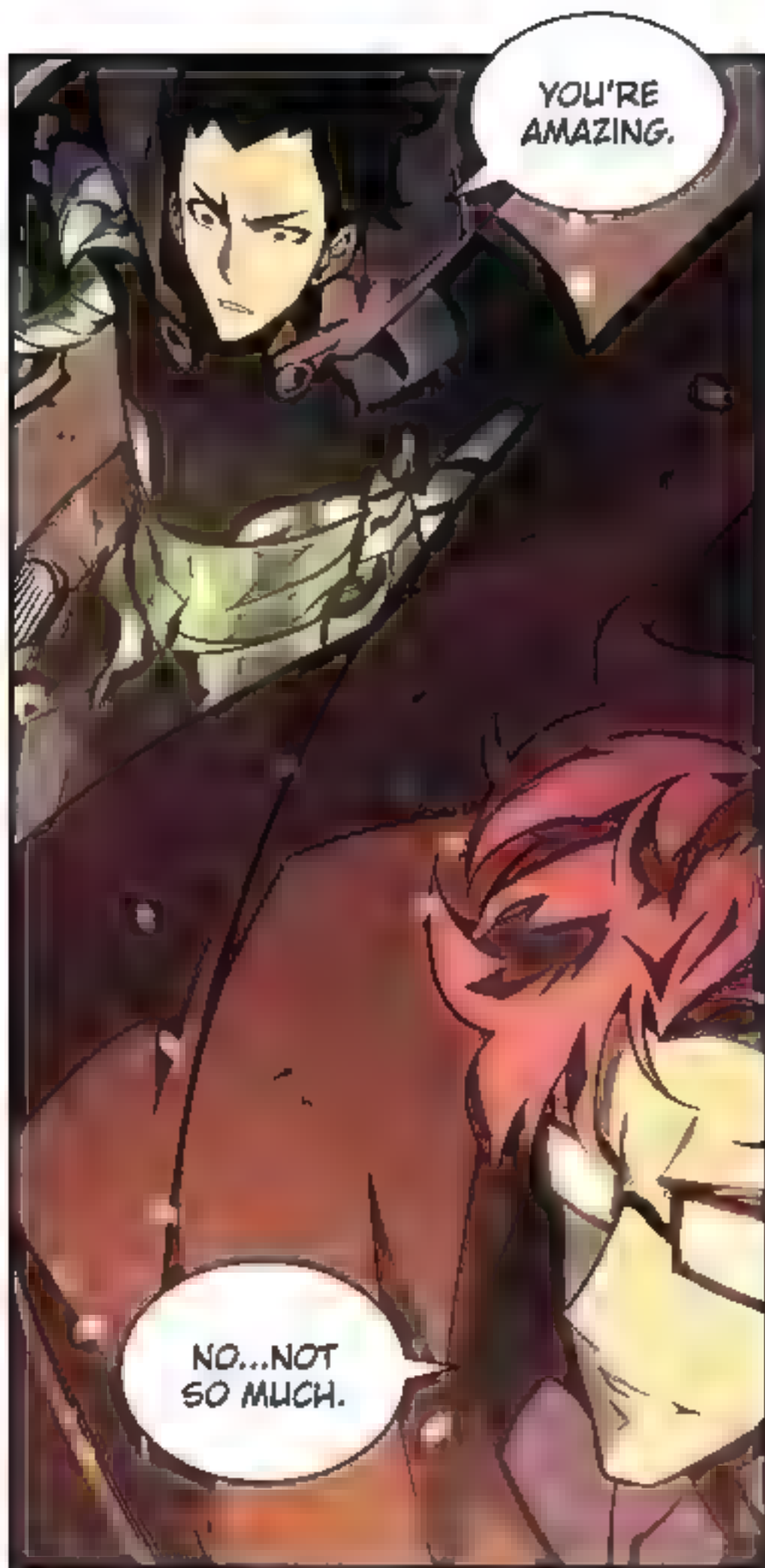




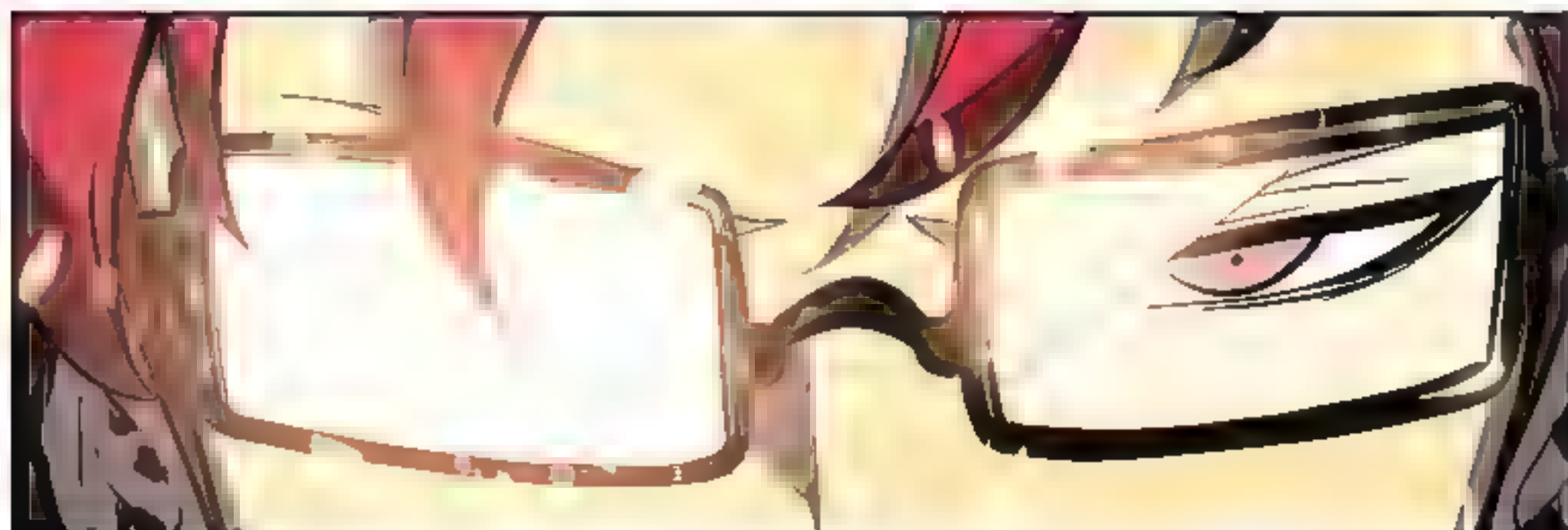


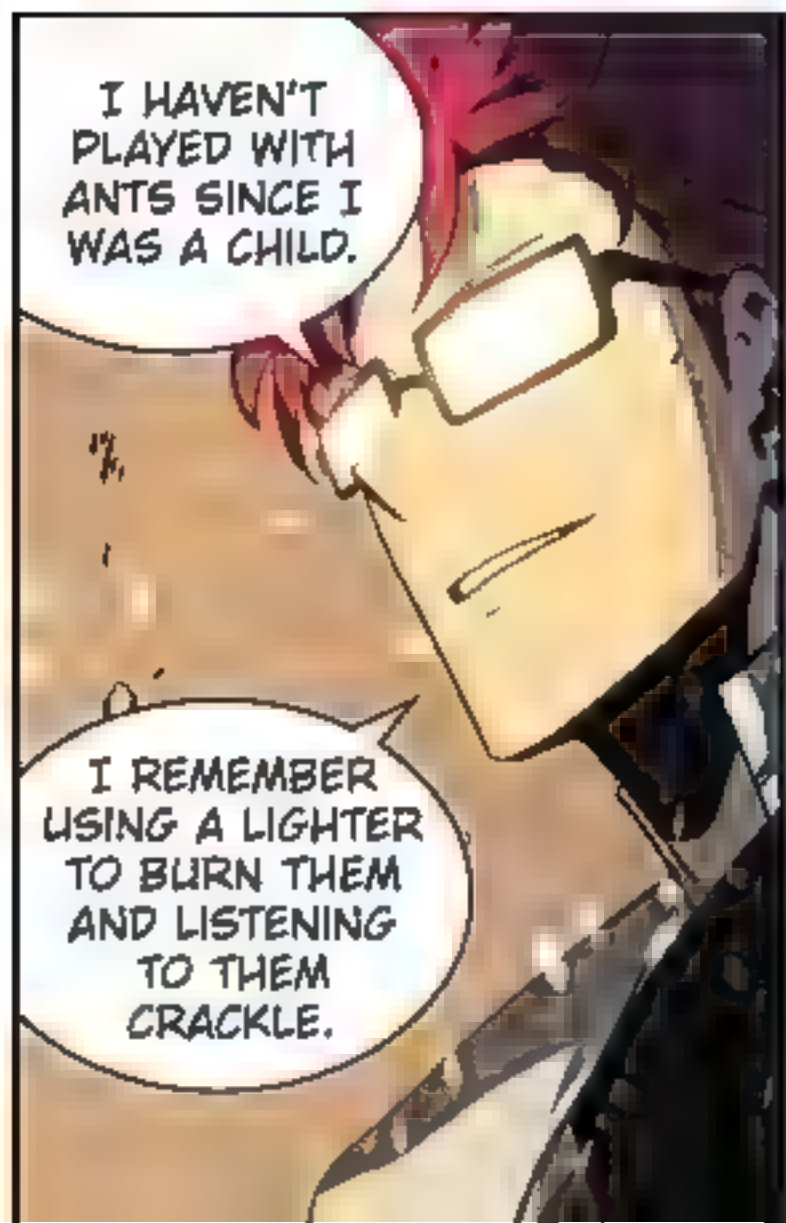


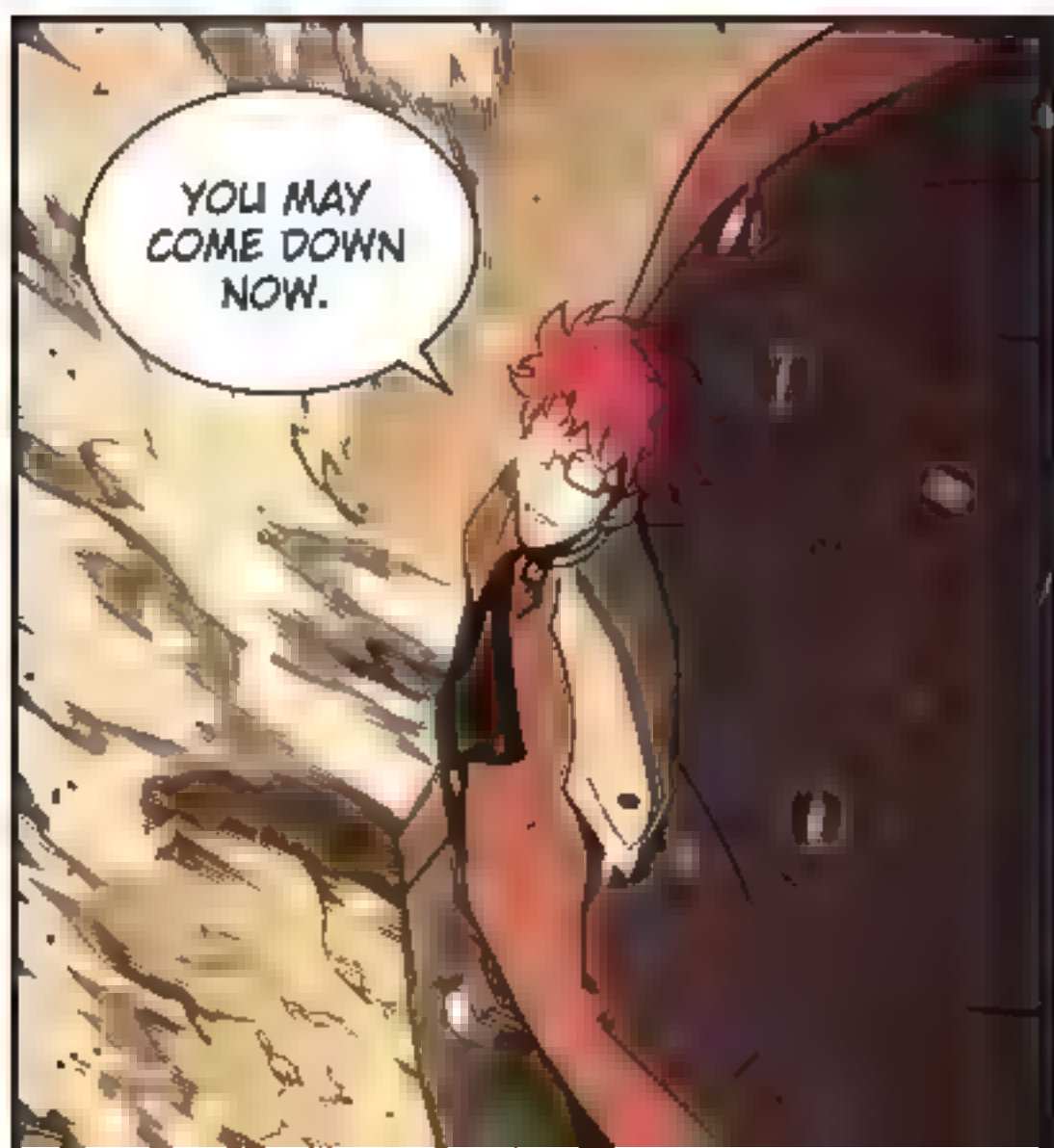












UNLIKE
THE PREVIOUS
EXTERMINATION
ATTEMPTS, THERE'S
NO WAY TO ABORT
THIS OPERATION.

DESERTERS
WOULD FIND
THEMSELVES
ISOLATED.

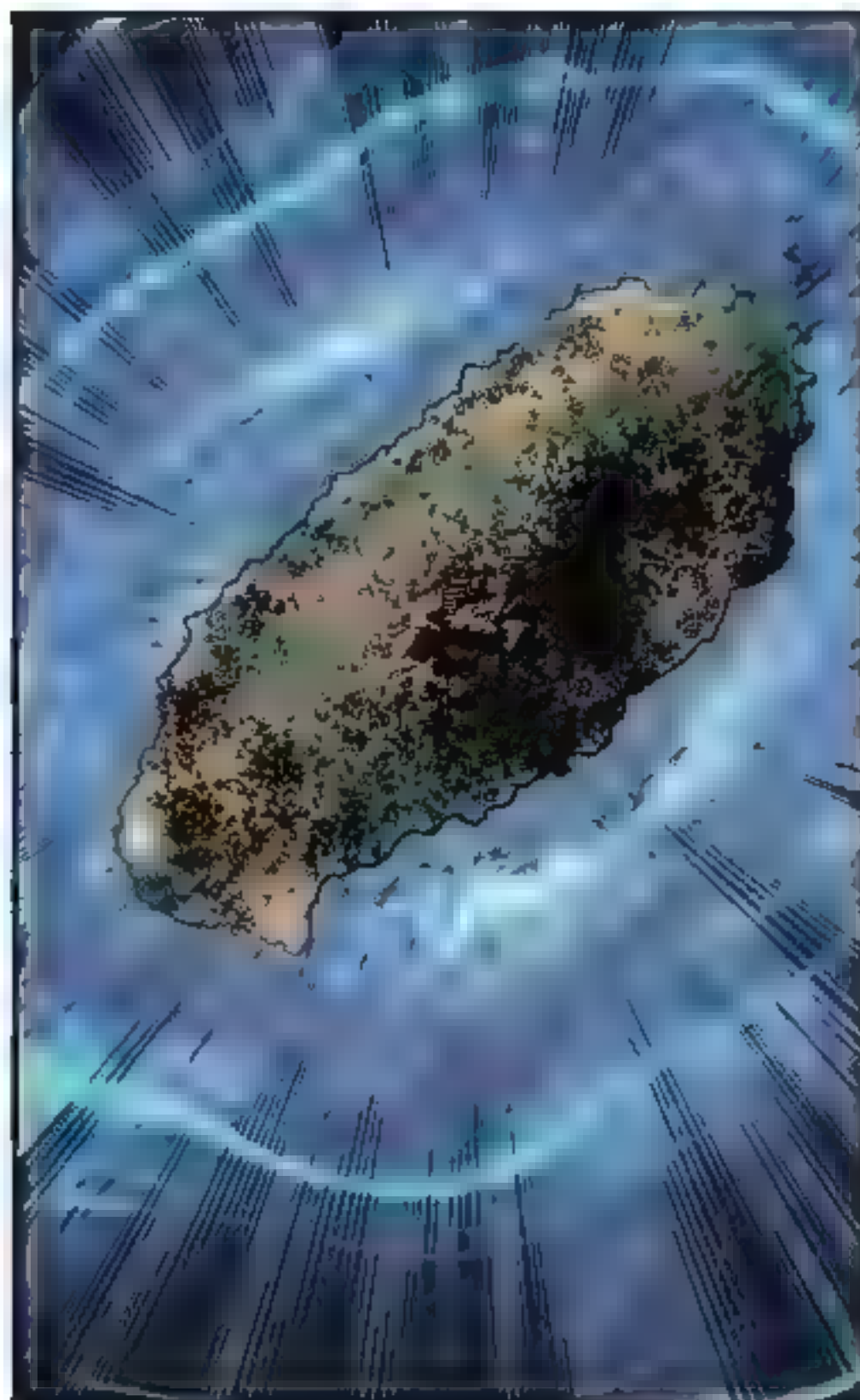
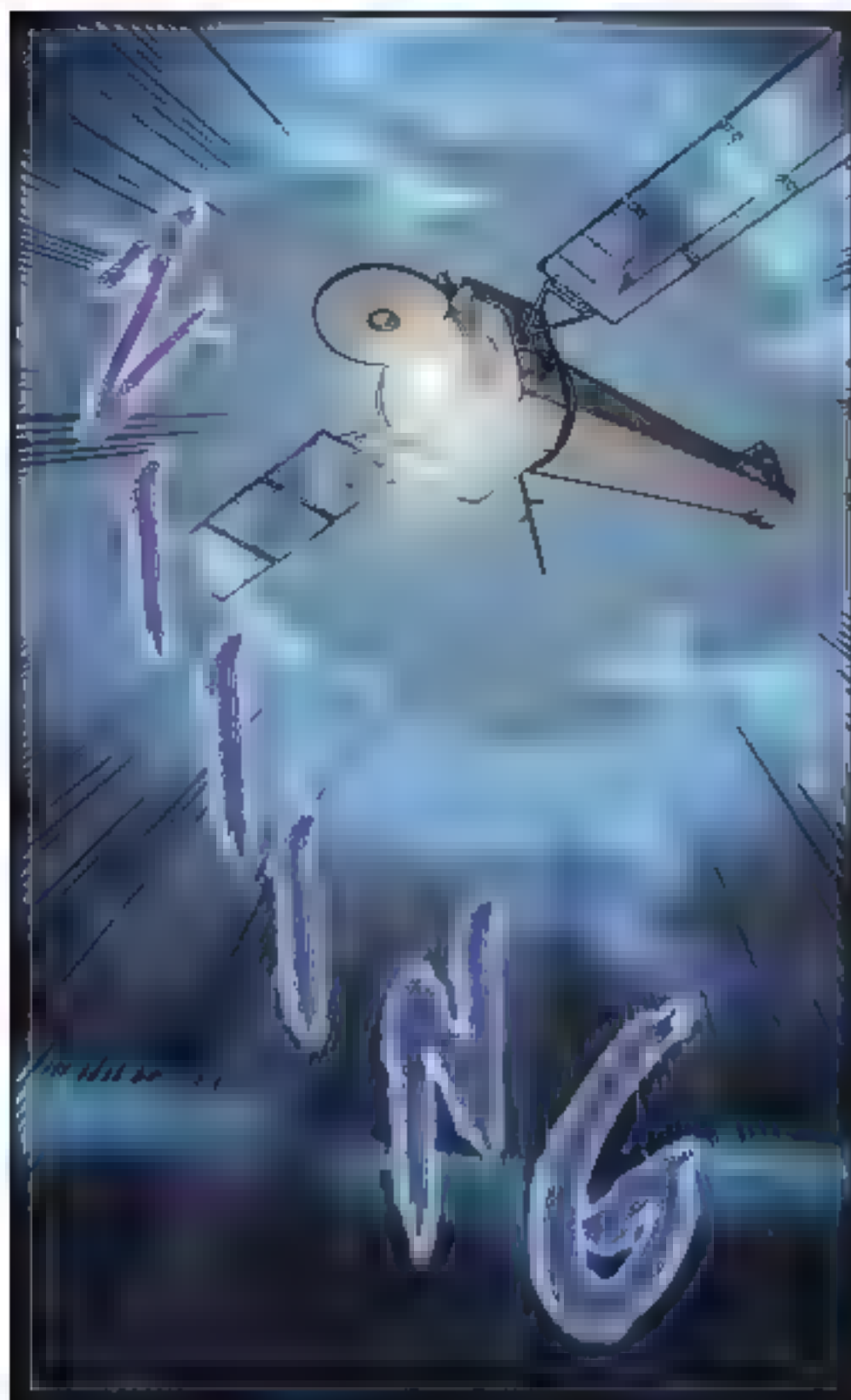
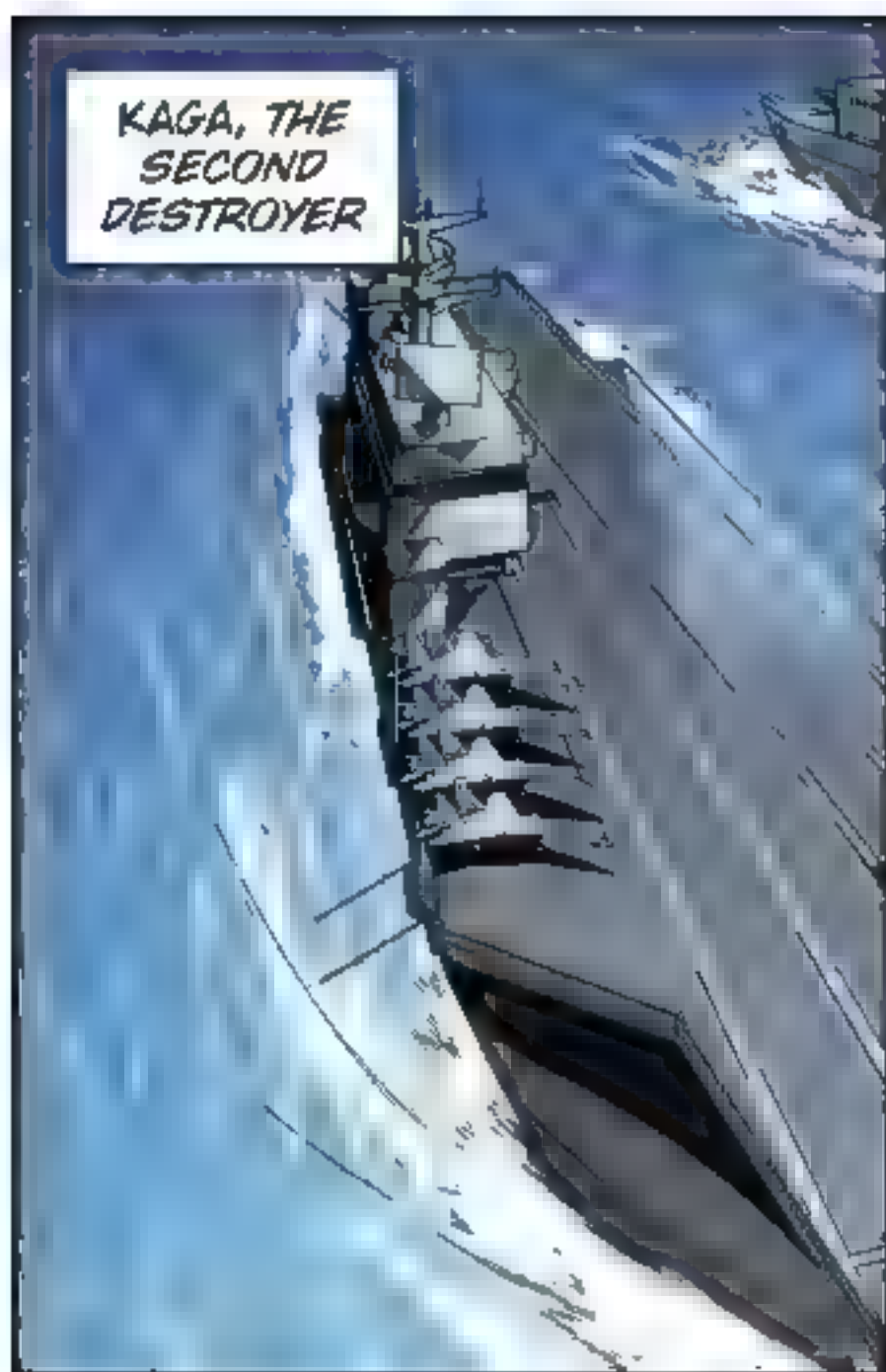
THE JAPANESE
HUNTERS CAN ONLY
BUY US ABOUT AN
HOUR.

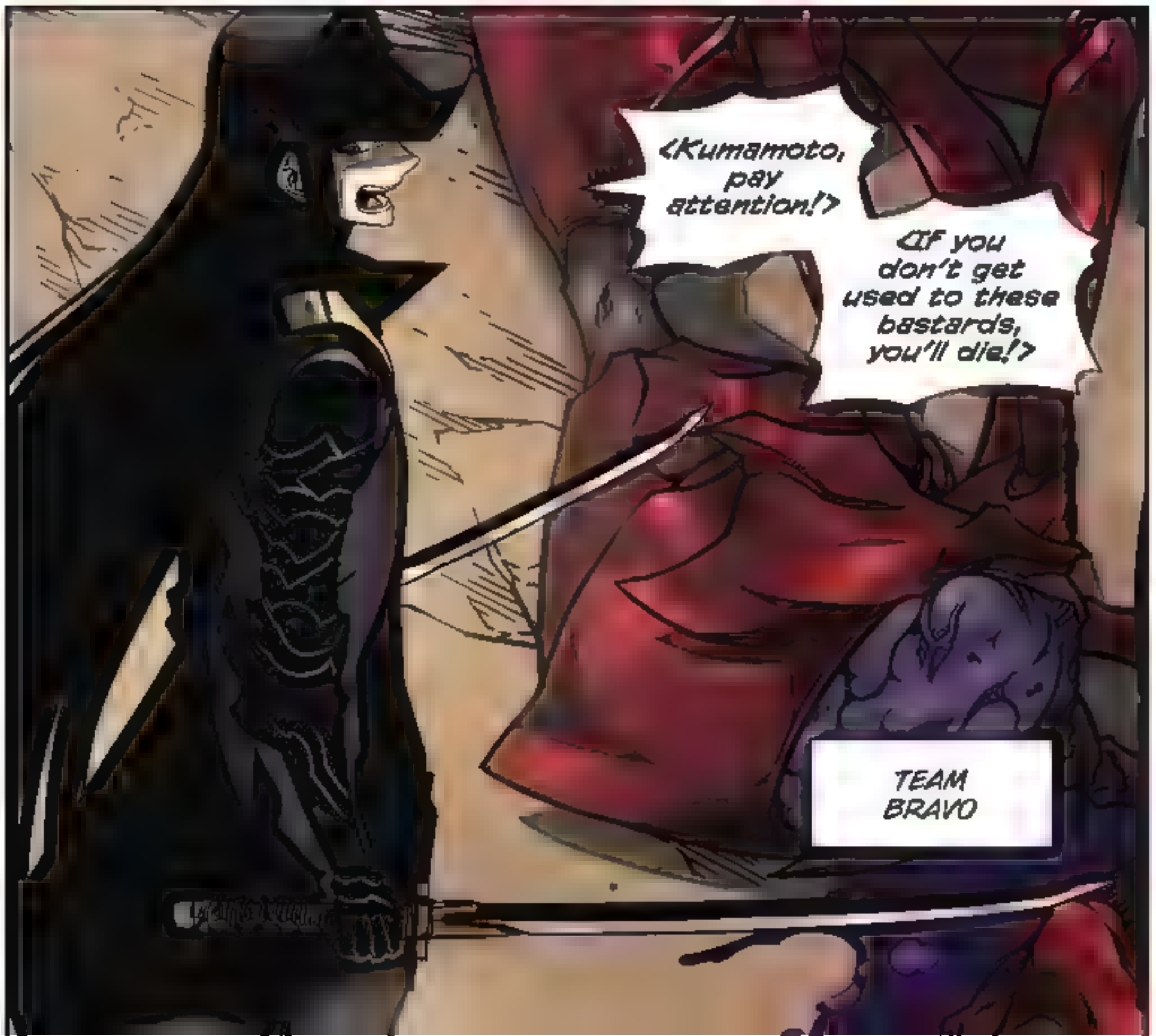
WE HAVE
THAT LONG TO
ELIMINATE THE
QUEEN BY
ANY MEANS
NECESSARY.

IF YOU
NEED TO
PRAY, MAKE
IT SHORT.

WE'LL BE
FINE.









<At this rate, we might kill all the ants before the Korean team even eliminates the queen, no?>

<Maybe.>

<Where did Kenzo go?>

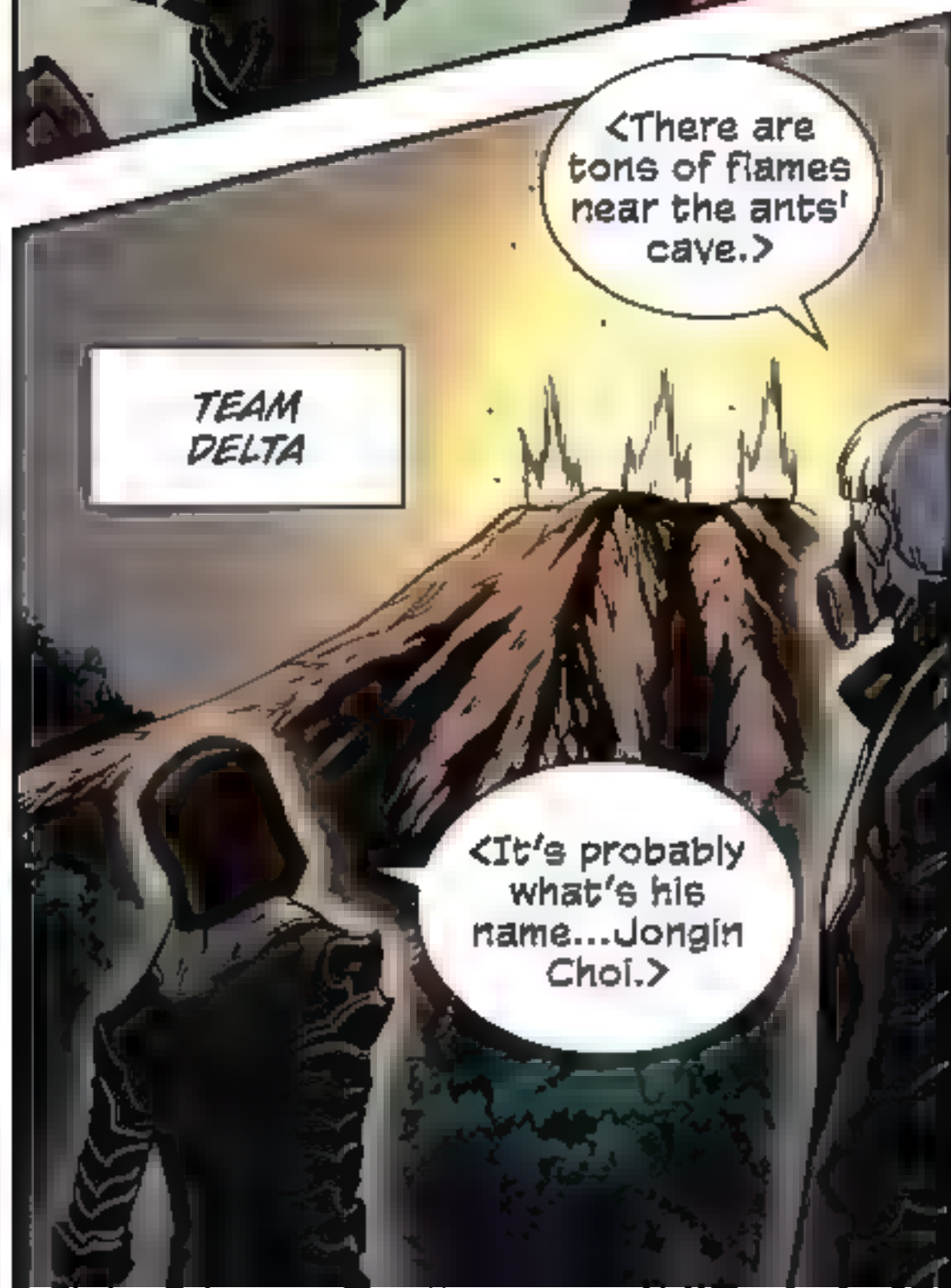
<He's playing hide-and-seek.>



<Looks like he's breaking the wings off every flying ant.>

<Why's he acting like a child?>

TEAM CHARLIE



<There are tons of flames near the ants' cave.>

TEAM DELTA

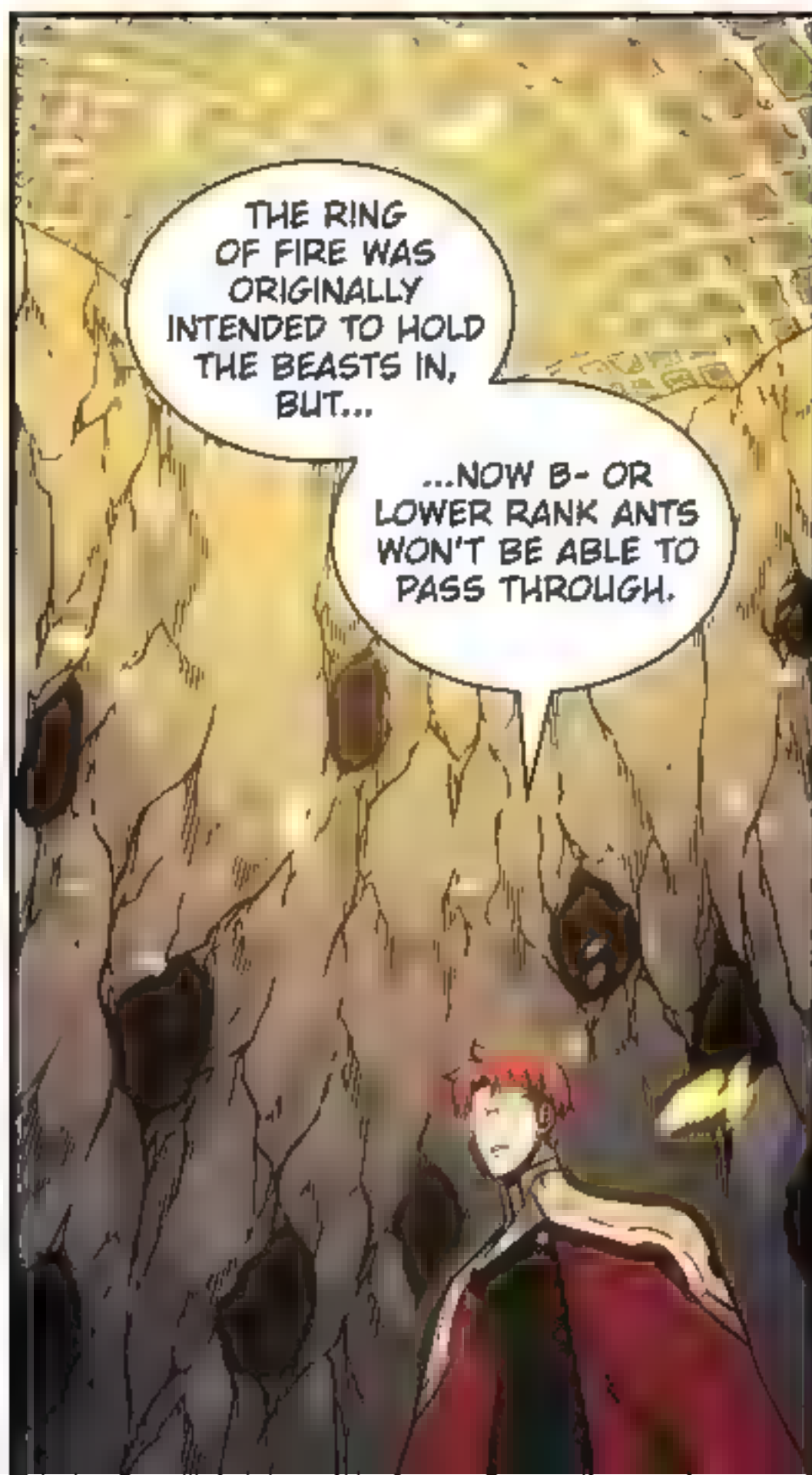
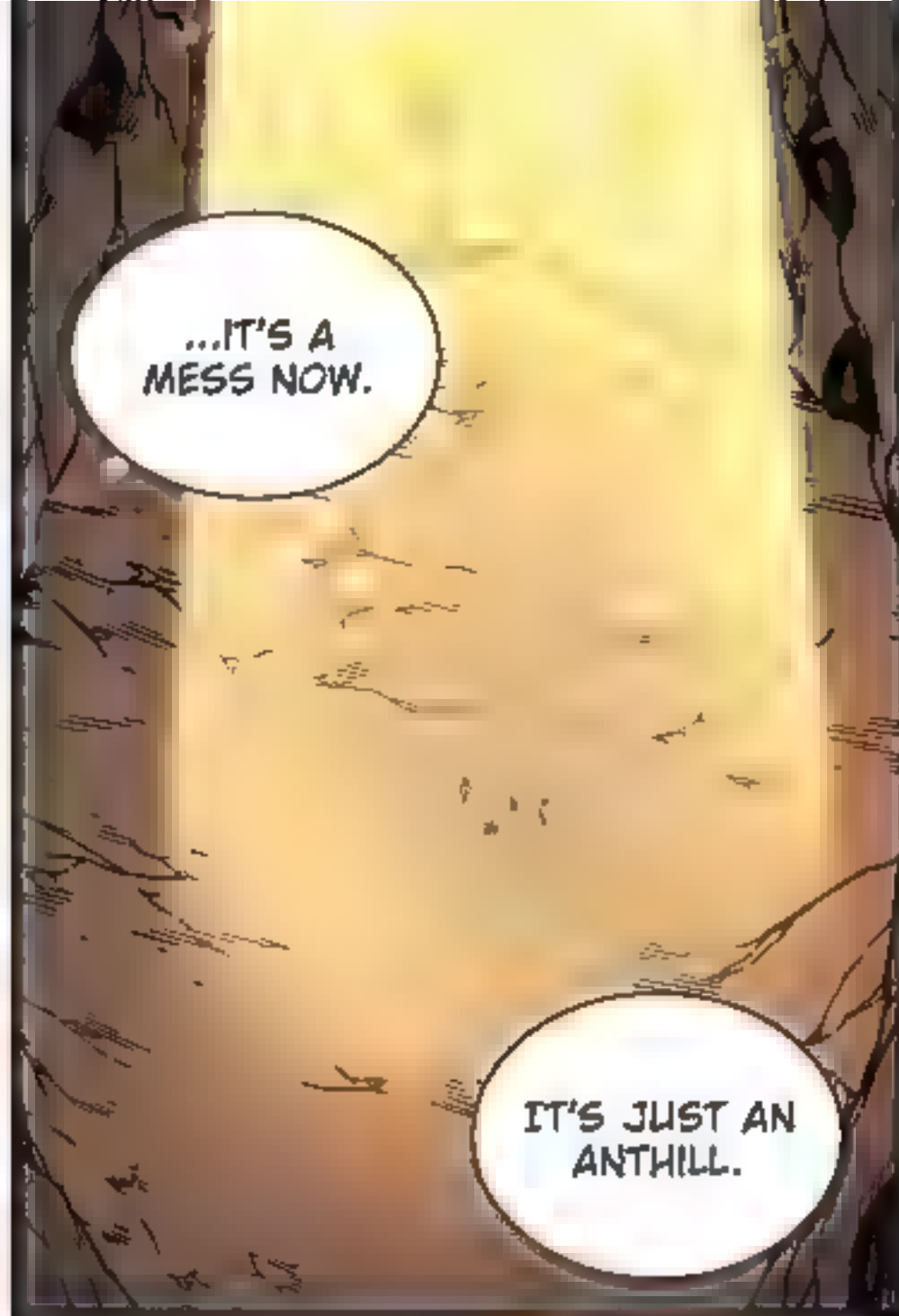
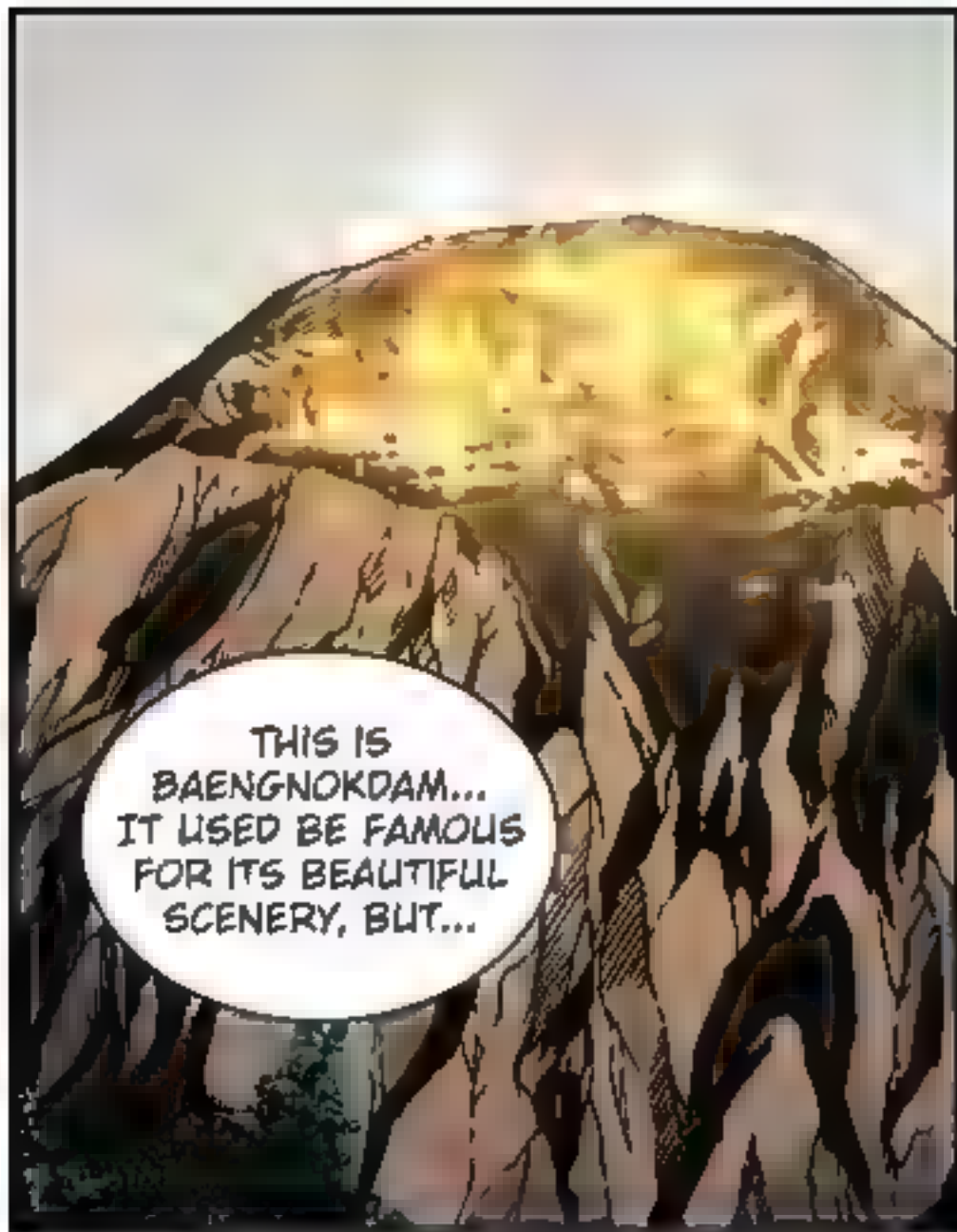
<It's probably what's his name...Jongin Choi.>



<What would happen...>

<...if my ice and his fire collided?>

<It'd be hot and cold. What else?>

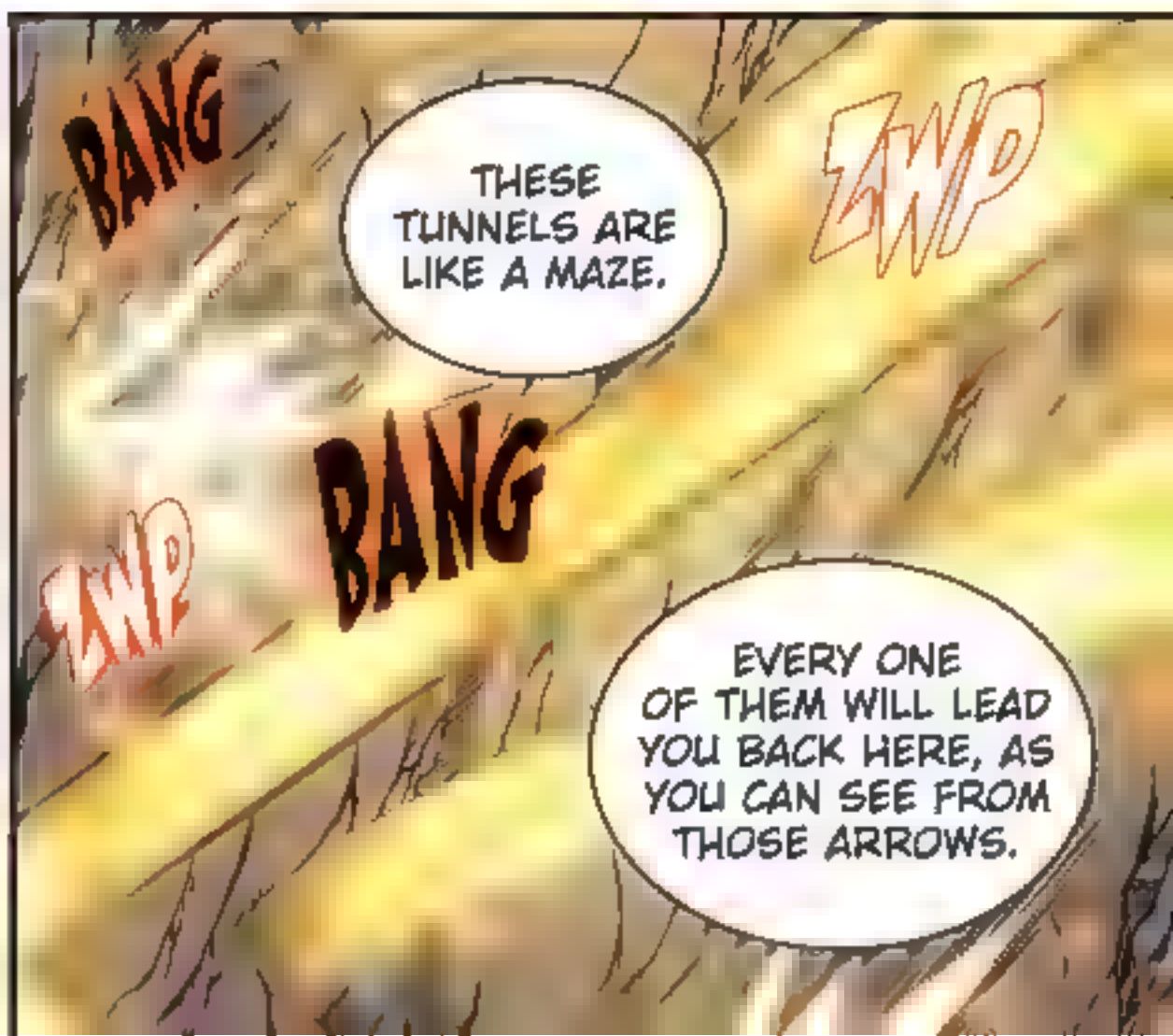




WHAT'RE YOU
DOING? THAT'S
DANGEROUS!

TWIP

TWIP



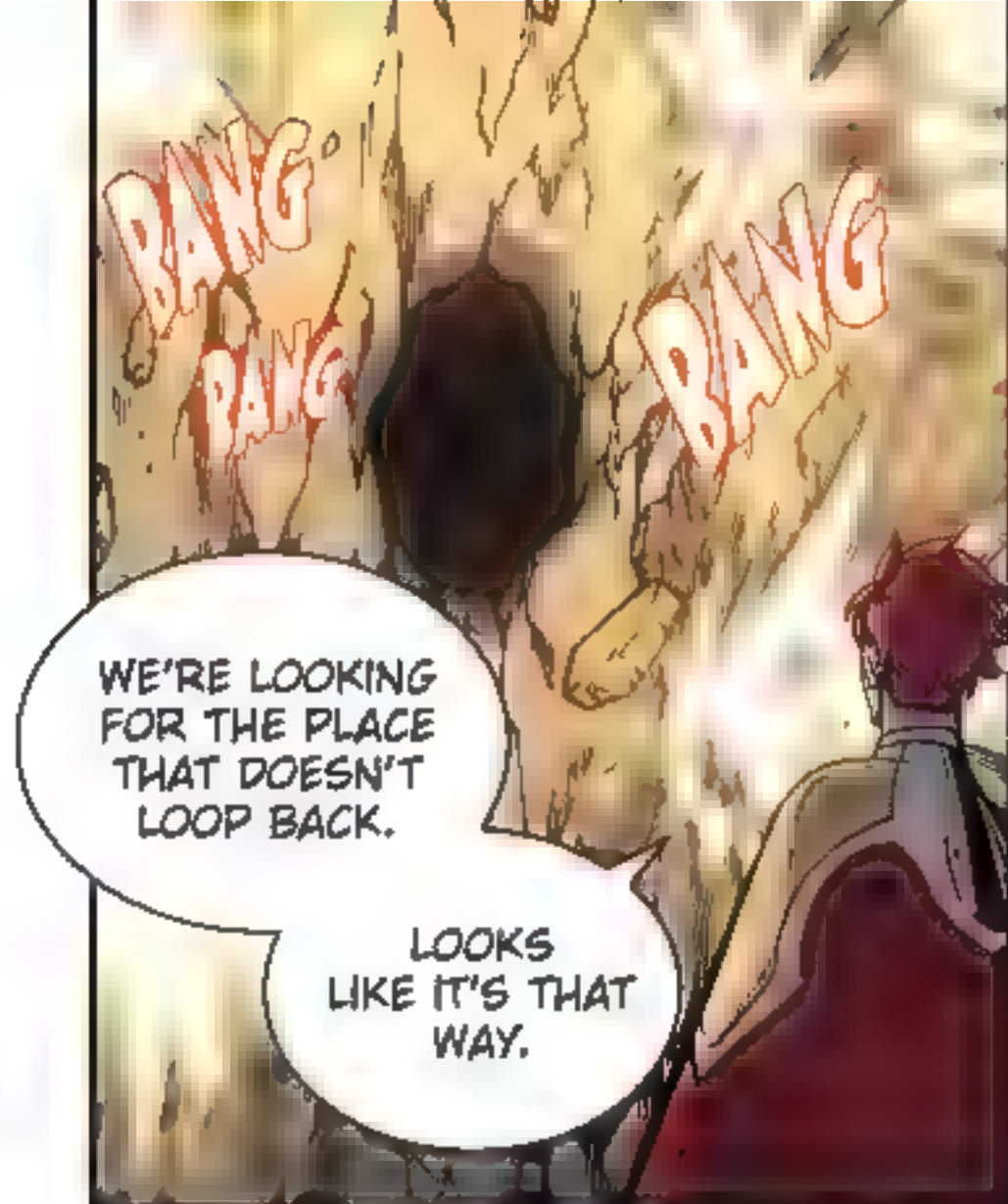
THESE
TUNNELS ARE
LIKE A MAZE.

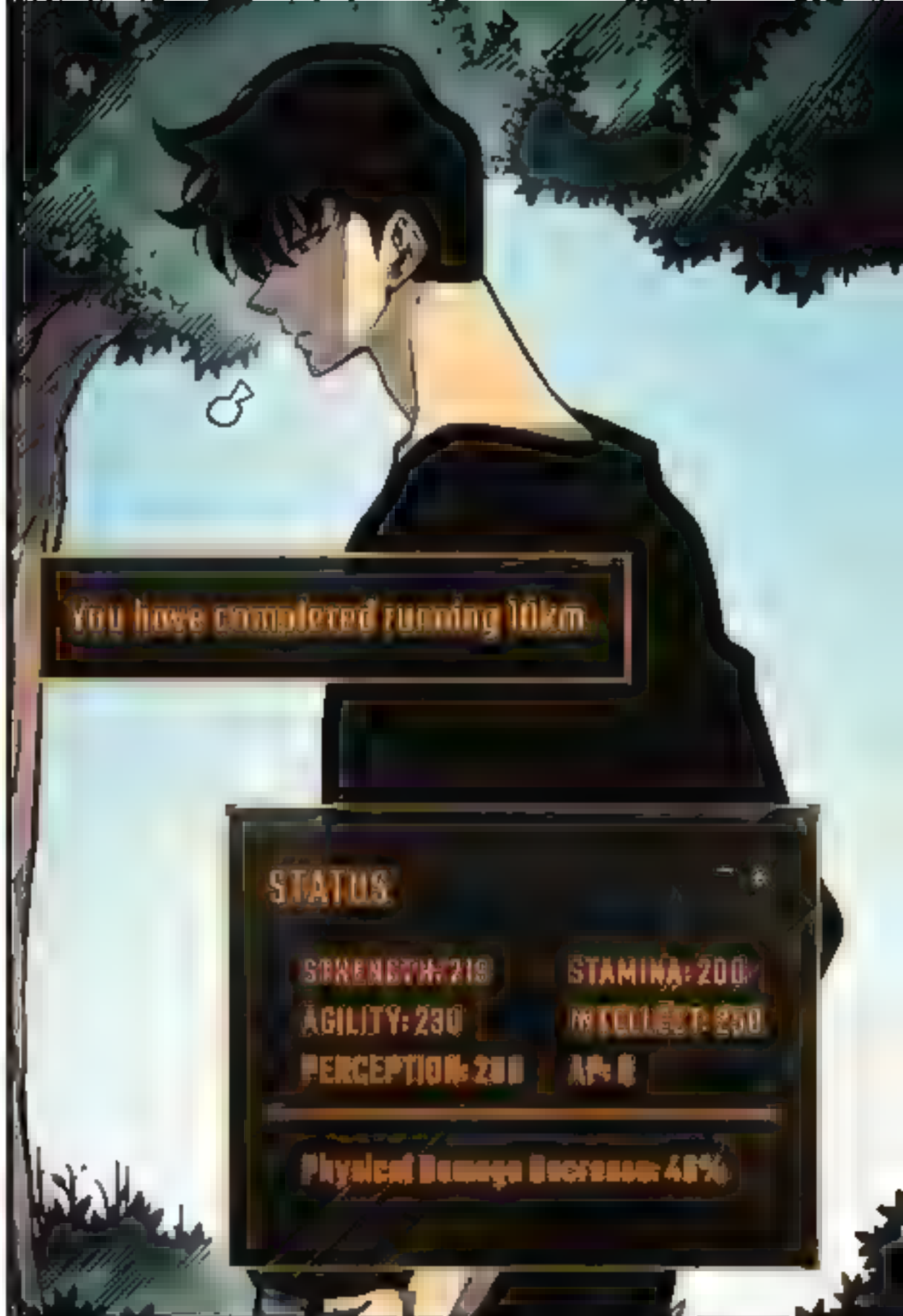
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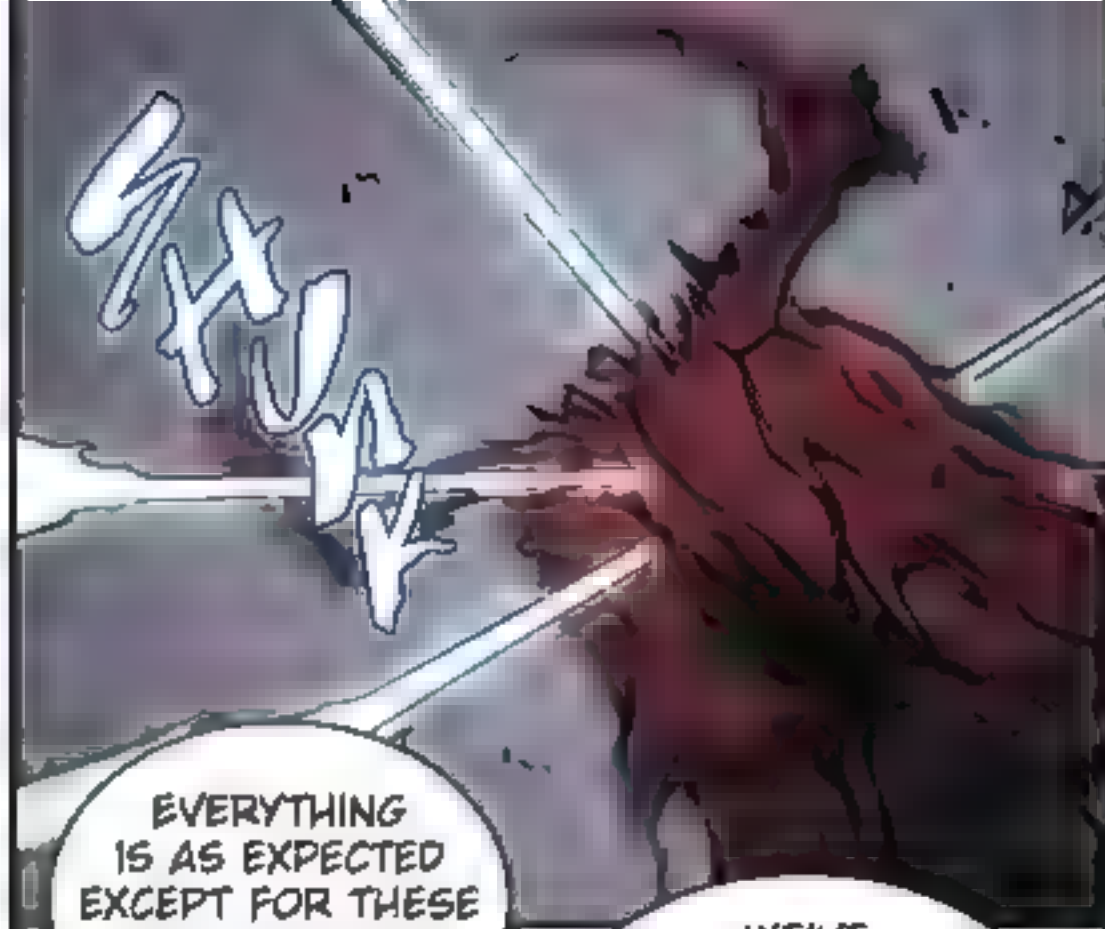
BANG

TWIP

EVERY ONE
OF THEM WILL LEAD
YOU BACK HERE, AS
YOU CAN SEE FROM
THOSE ARROWS.

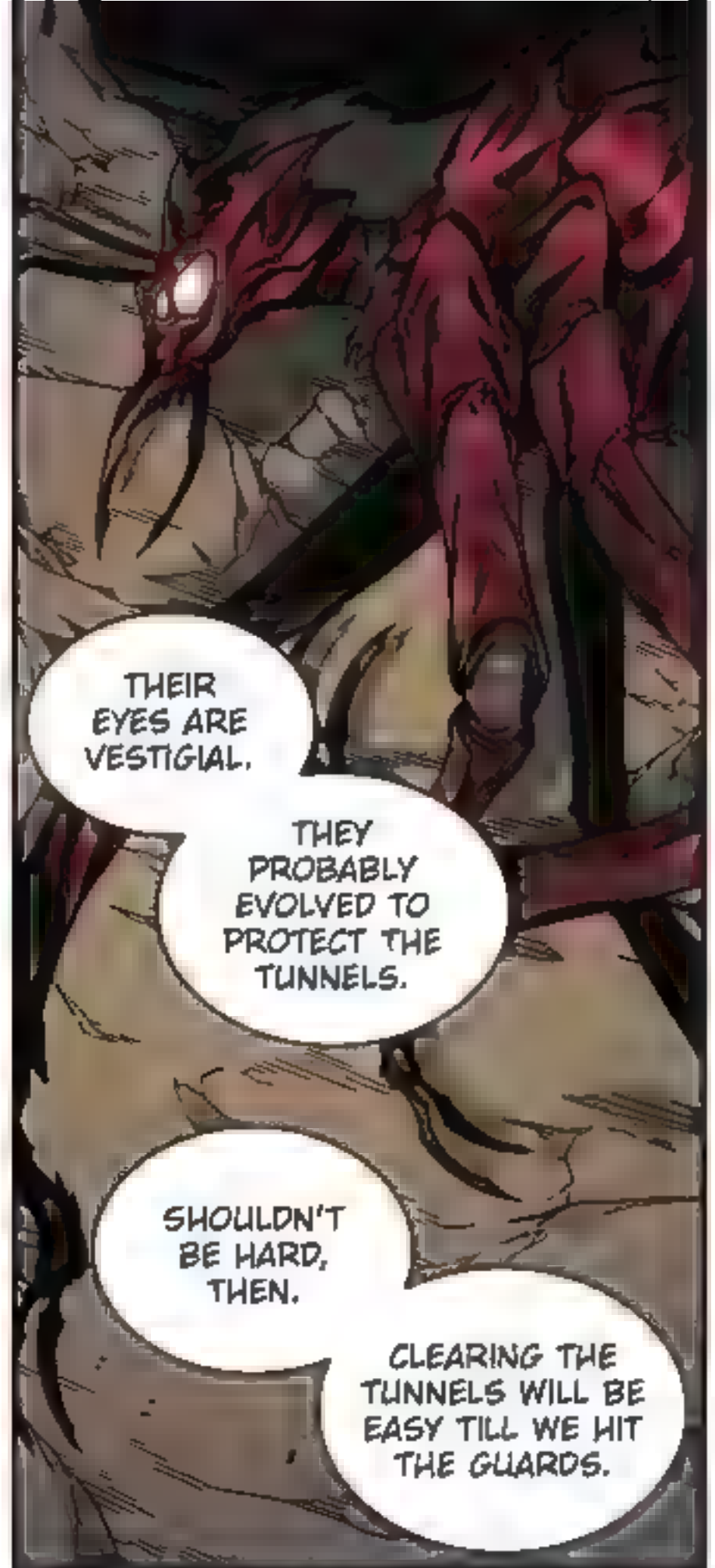






EVERYTHING
IS AS EXPECTED
EXCEPT FOR THESE
FEW REMAINING
ANTS.

WE'VE
NEVER SEEN THIS
KIND BEFORE...ARE
THEY THE QUEEN'S
BODYGUARDS? BUT
THEY SEEM TOO WEAK
FOR THAT.



THEIR
EYES ARE
VESTIGIAL.

THEY
PROBABLY
EVOLVED TO
PROTECT THE
TUNNELS.

SHOULDN'T
BE HARD,
THEN.

CLEARING THE
TUNNELS WILL BE
EASY TILL WE HIT
THE GUARDS.



WILL THE
QUEEN REALLY
BE THERE?

KINGS HAVE
BEEN KNOWN TO
ABANDON THEIR
OWN PEOPLE...

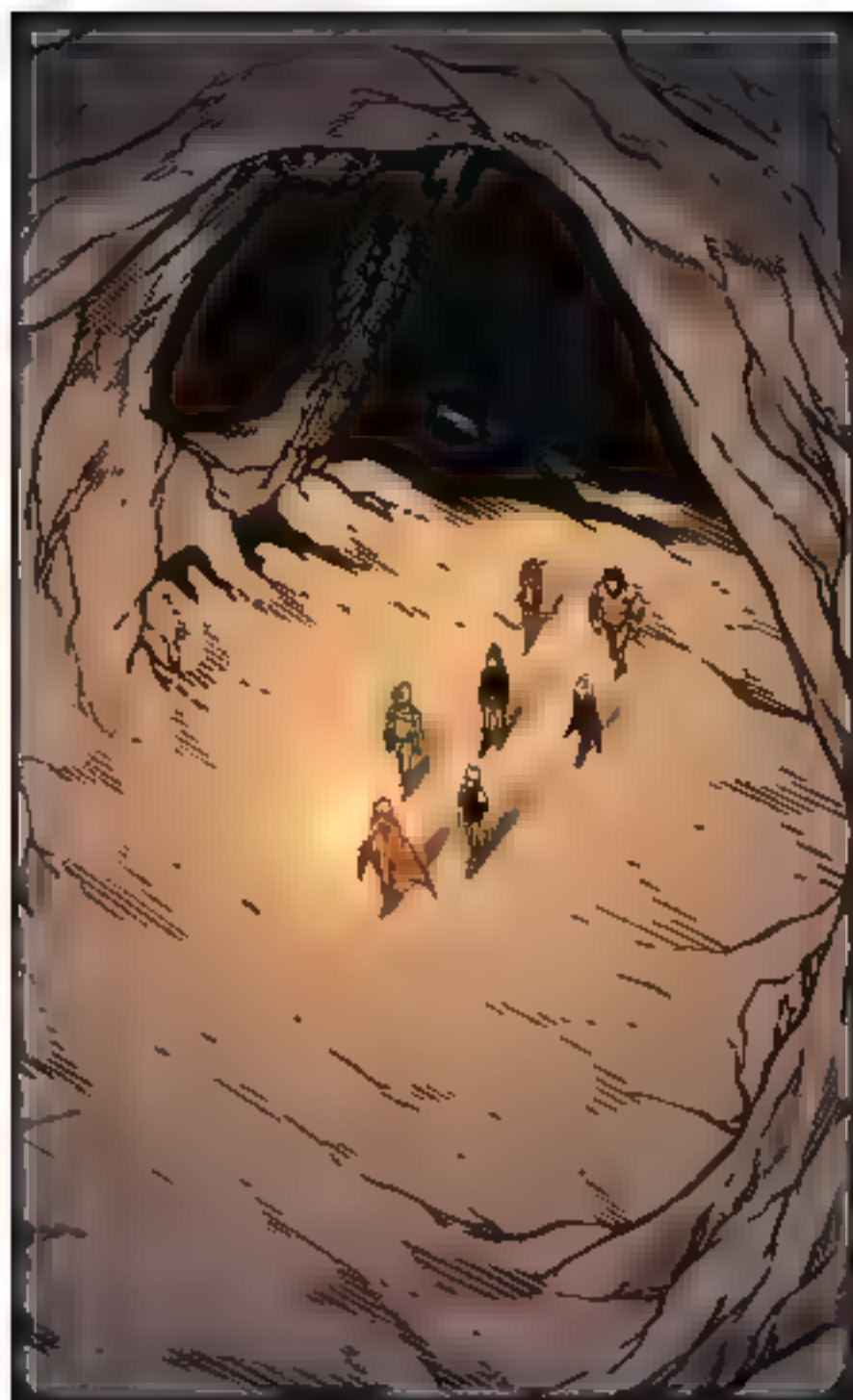
BUT WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT
ANTS HERE.

BESIDES,
IT'S AN ISLAND.
THERE'S NOWHERE
TO RUN.



IT'S TOO
DARK IN HERE. I
DON'T KNOW HOW
THE CAMERA'S
GOING TO DO.

I'M SURE
THE STATION WILL
TAKE CARE OF IT
ON THEIR END.





THE ANTS WE
ENCOUNTERED
EARLIER WERE
GUARDING THESE
EGGS.

I'LL BURN
THEM ALL.

HANG
ON!



ONE OF THE
EGGSHELLS
IS ESPECIALLY
HUGE!

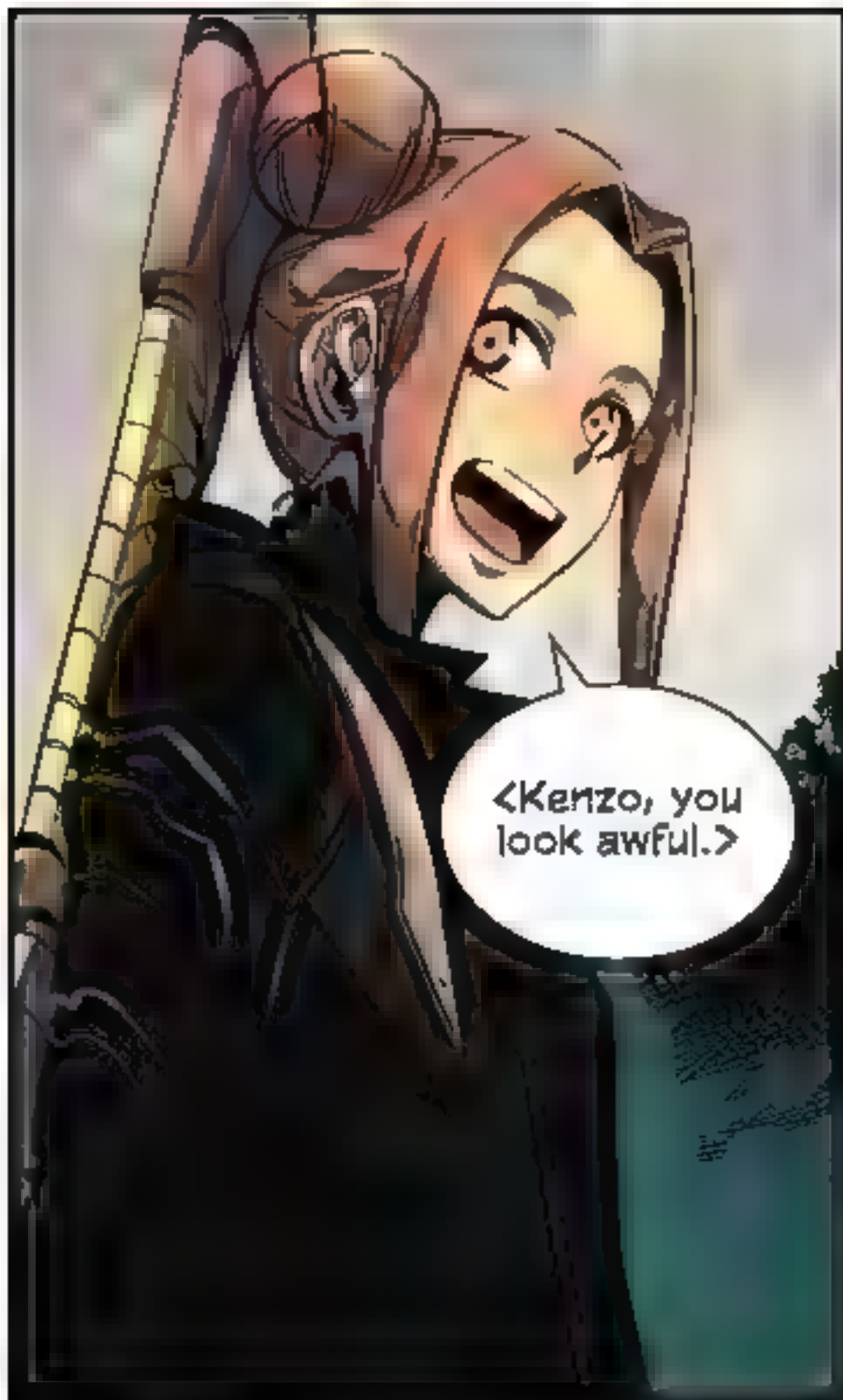


NO...THAT
CAN'T BE AN
ANT EGG,
CAN IT?

WHAT THE
HELL CAME
OUT OF IT?

A ROYAL
GUARD?
BUT...





<Kenzo, you look awful.>



<These bastards were more annoying than I expected.>

<They seemed to have actual tactics and be in some kind of formation.>

<I think I killed about thirty, but I took damage to my shoulder and ribs.>



<You want me to heal you? One condition, though.>

<Stop being a brat and heal me already!>



<There's something I want. It's not money this time.>

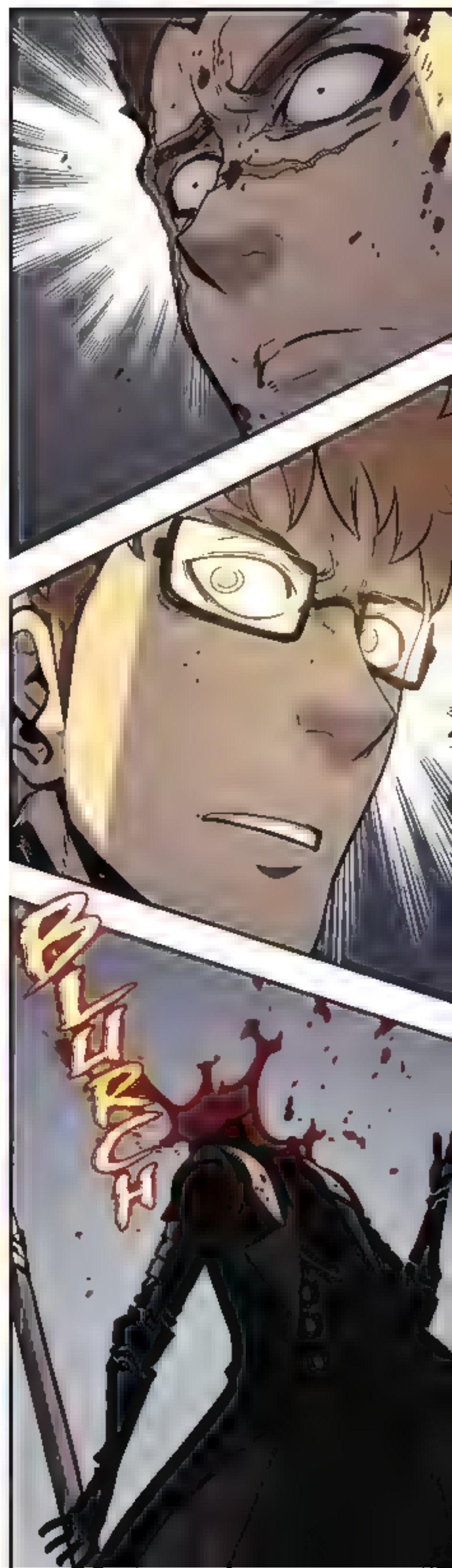
<What is it? You make more than me, you know.>

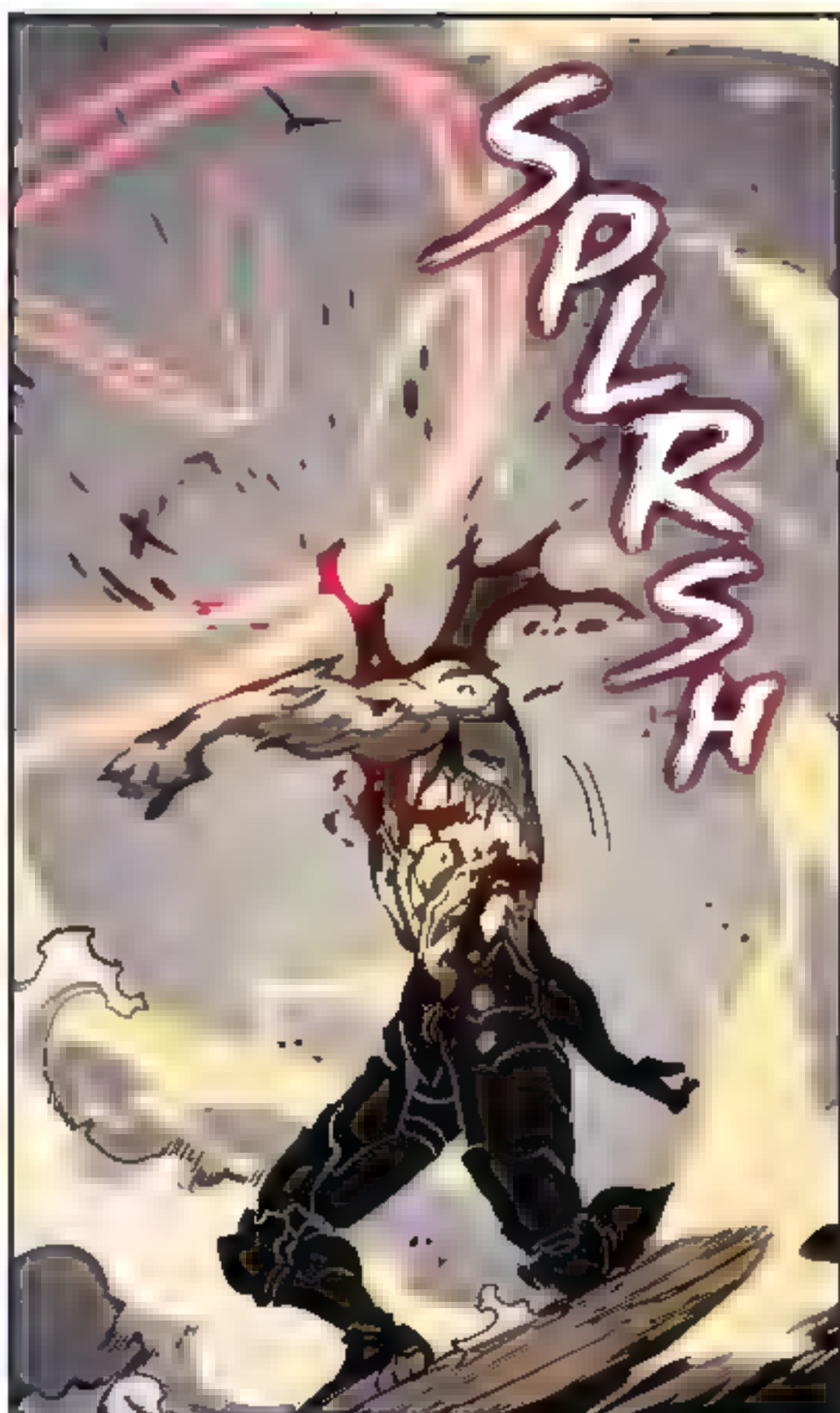
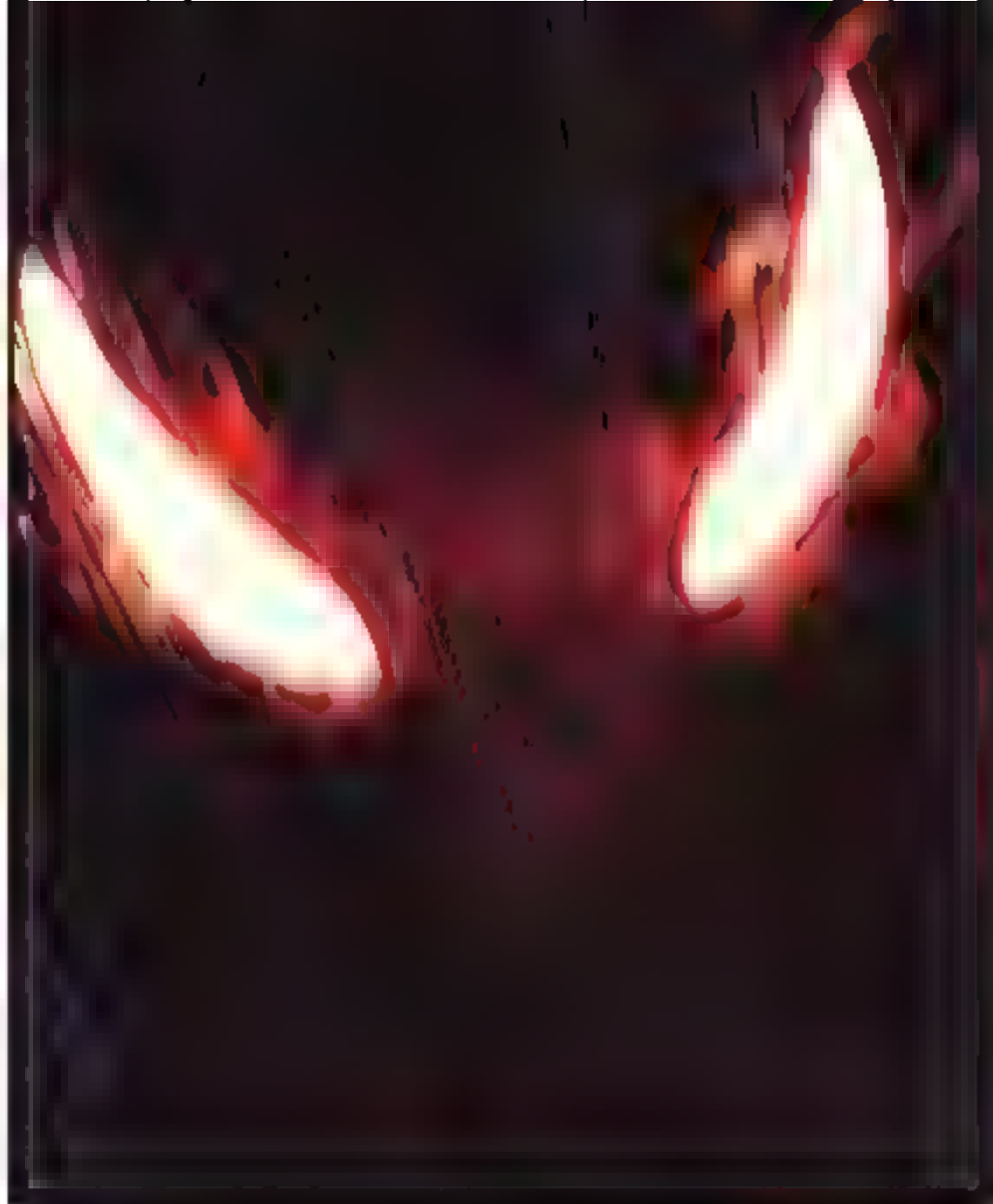
<You learned the taste of dough too young.>

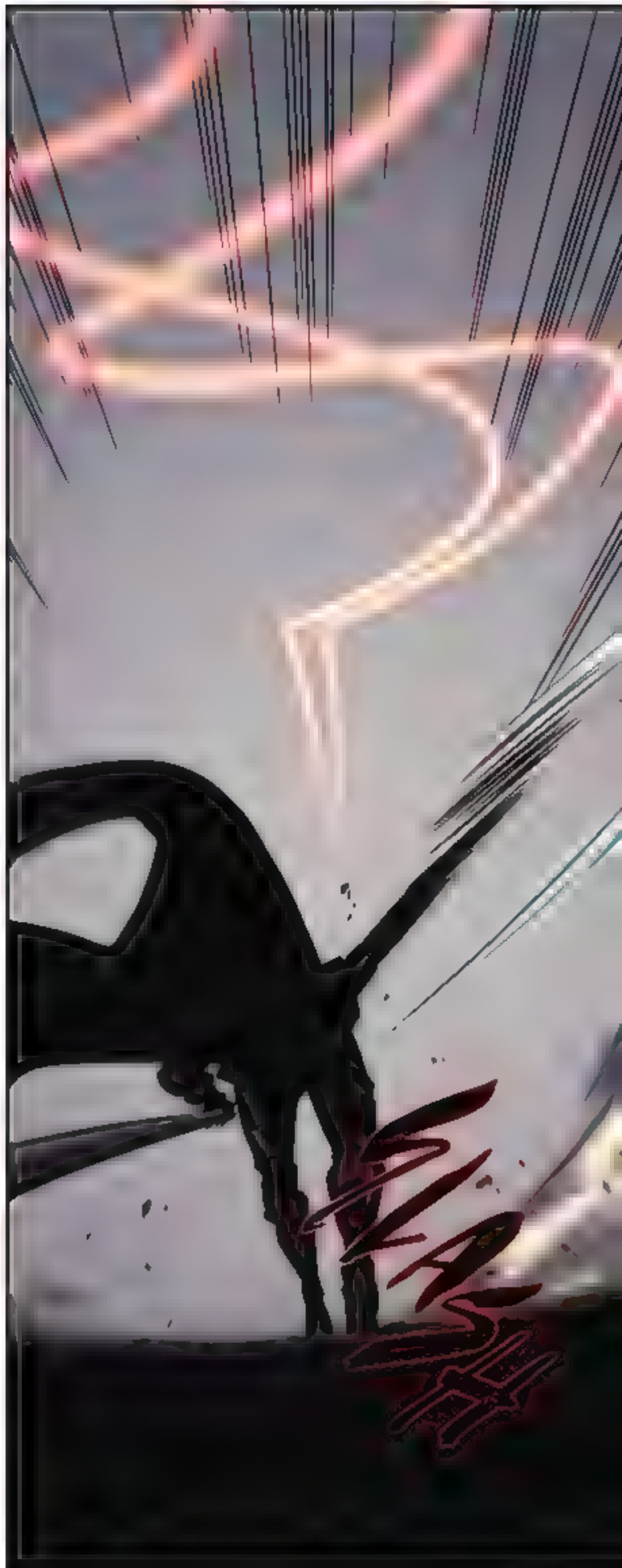
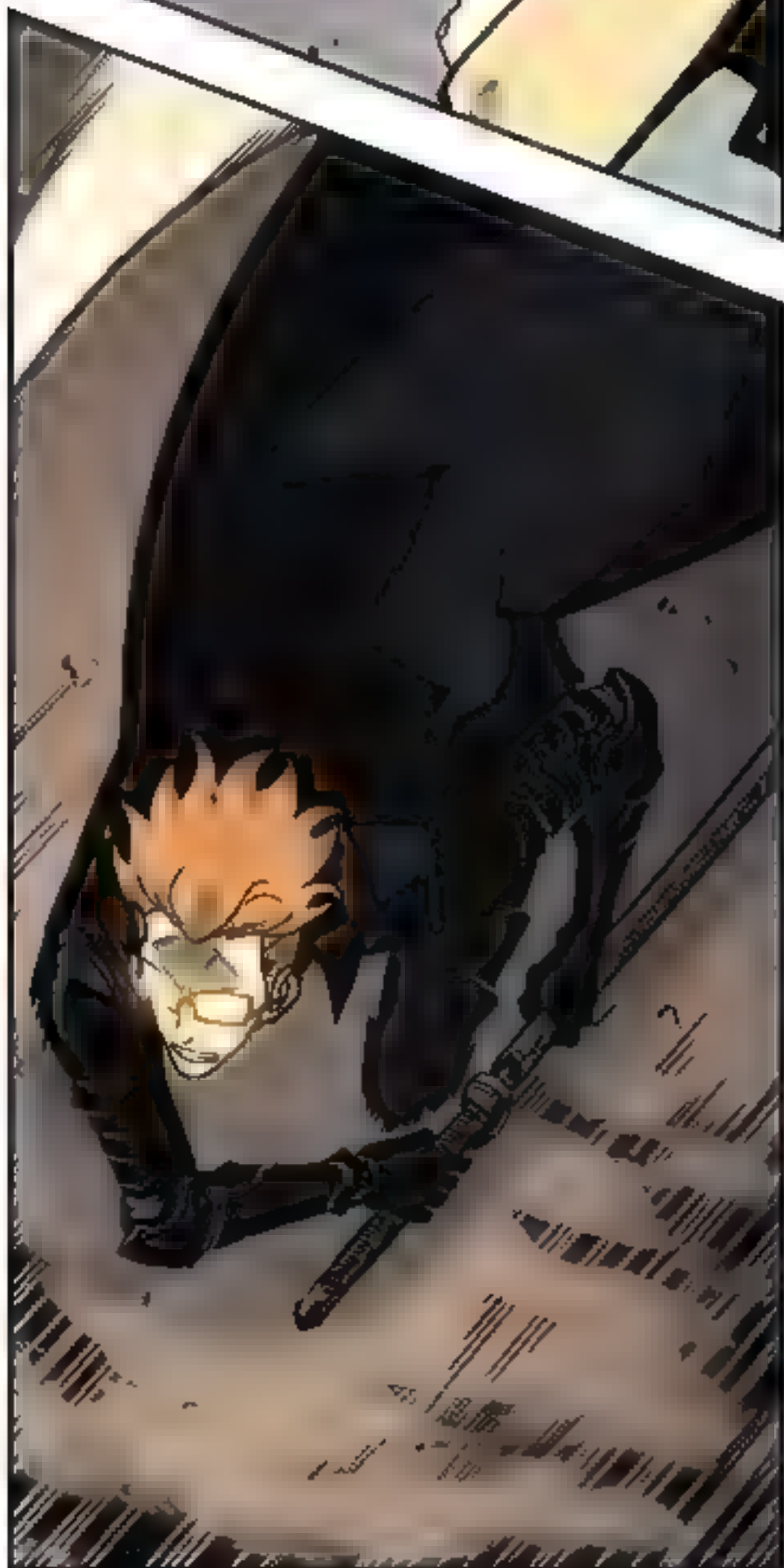
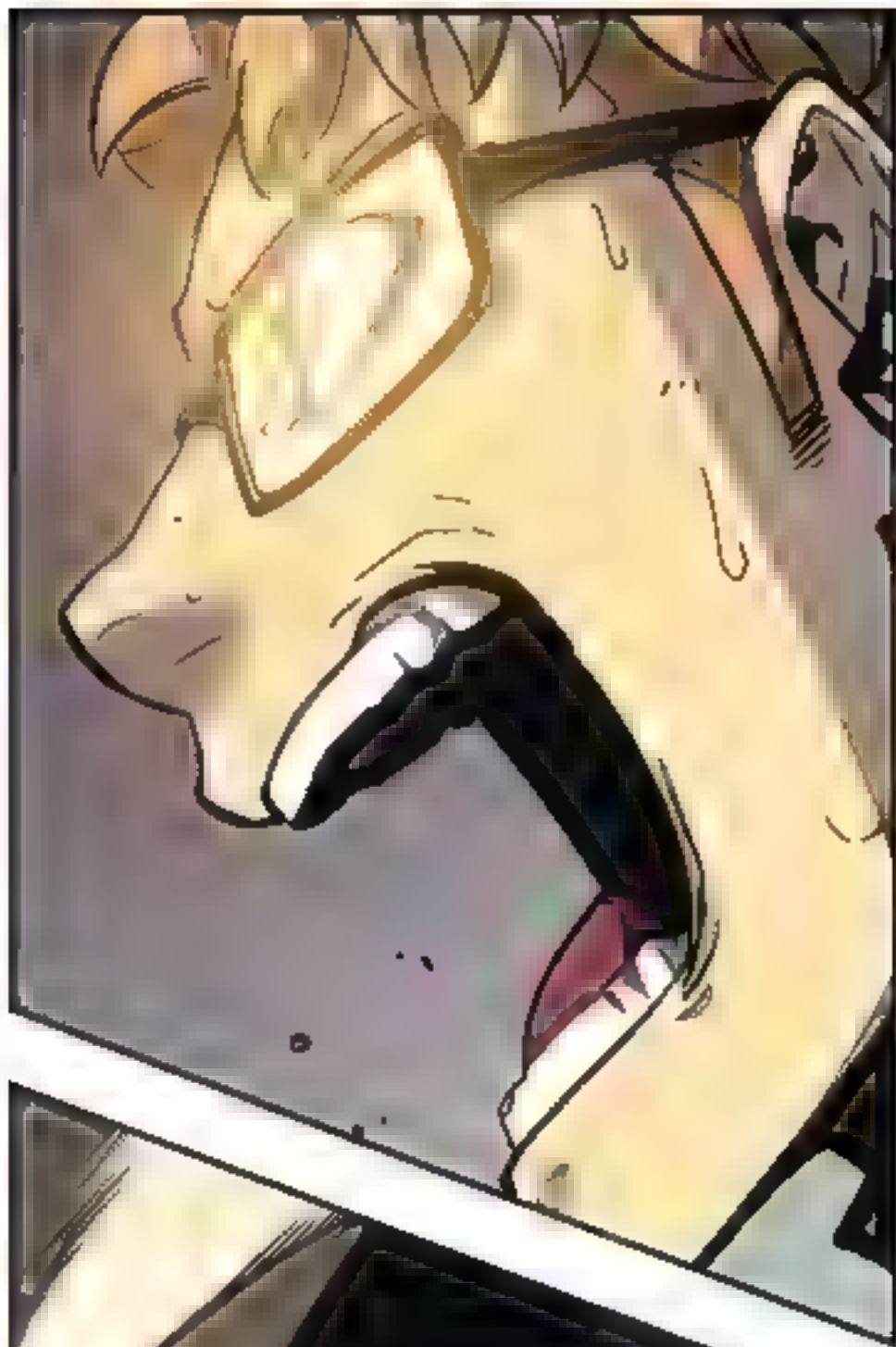


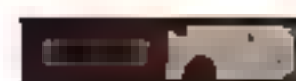
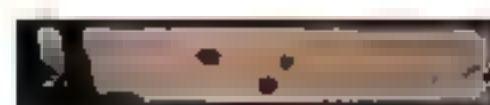
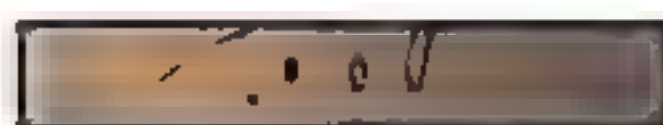
<Just spit it out.>

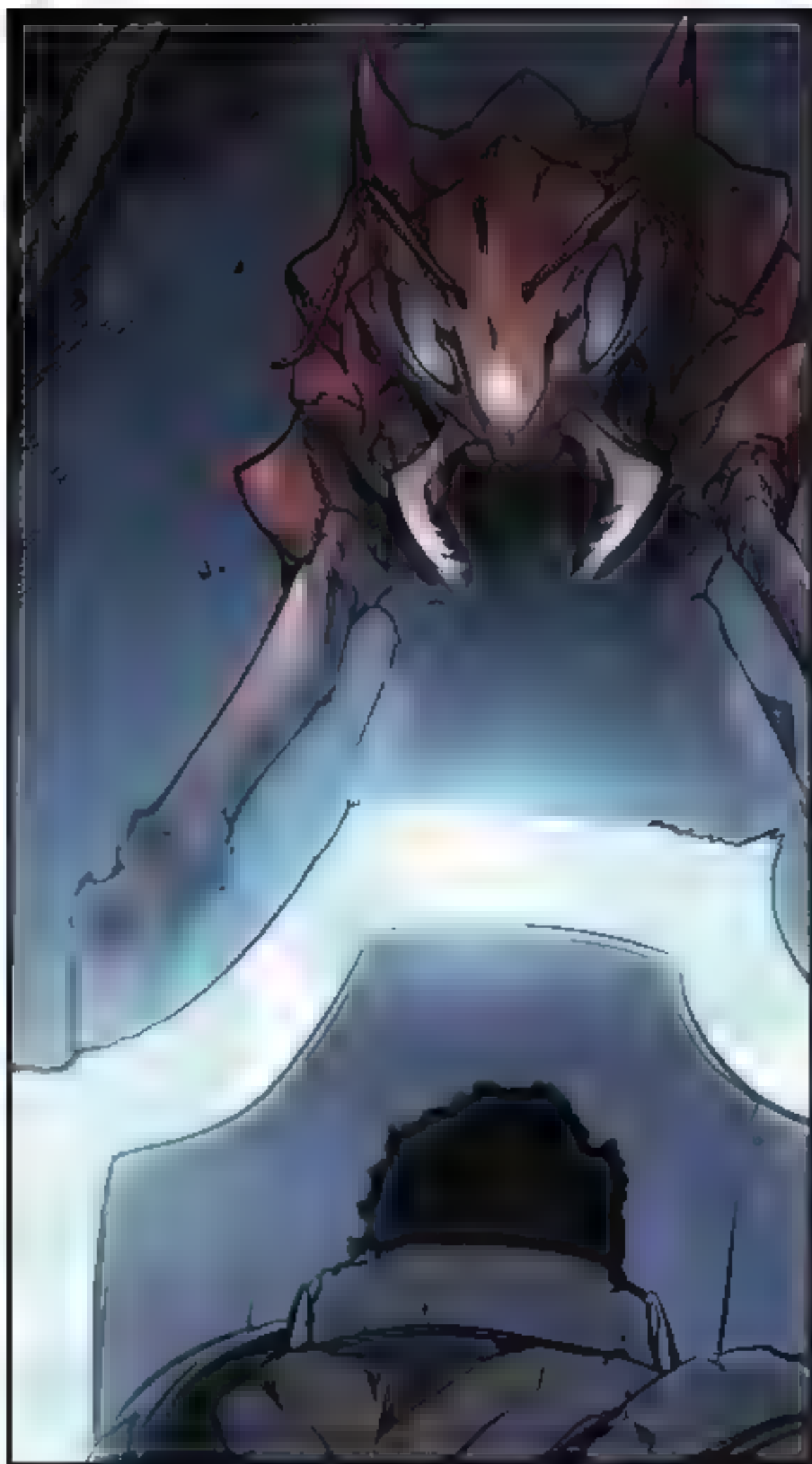
<More ants are coming.>











THESE ARE
THE QUEEN'S
BODYGUARDS
...!

EACH ONE IS
AS STRONG AS
AN S-RANK.



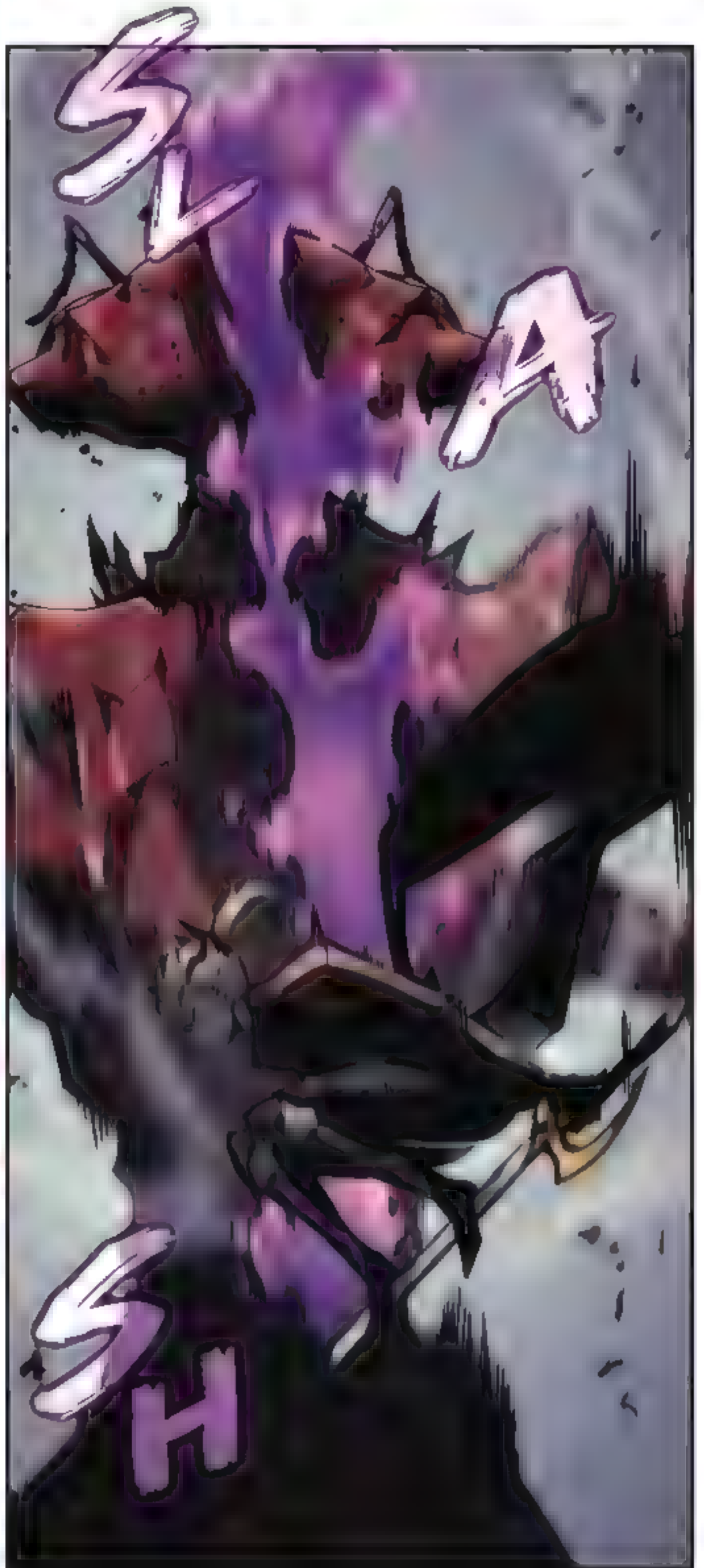
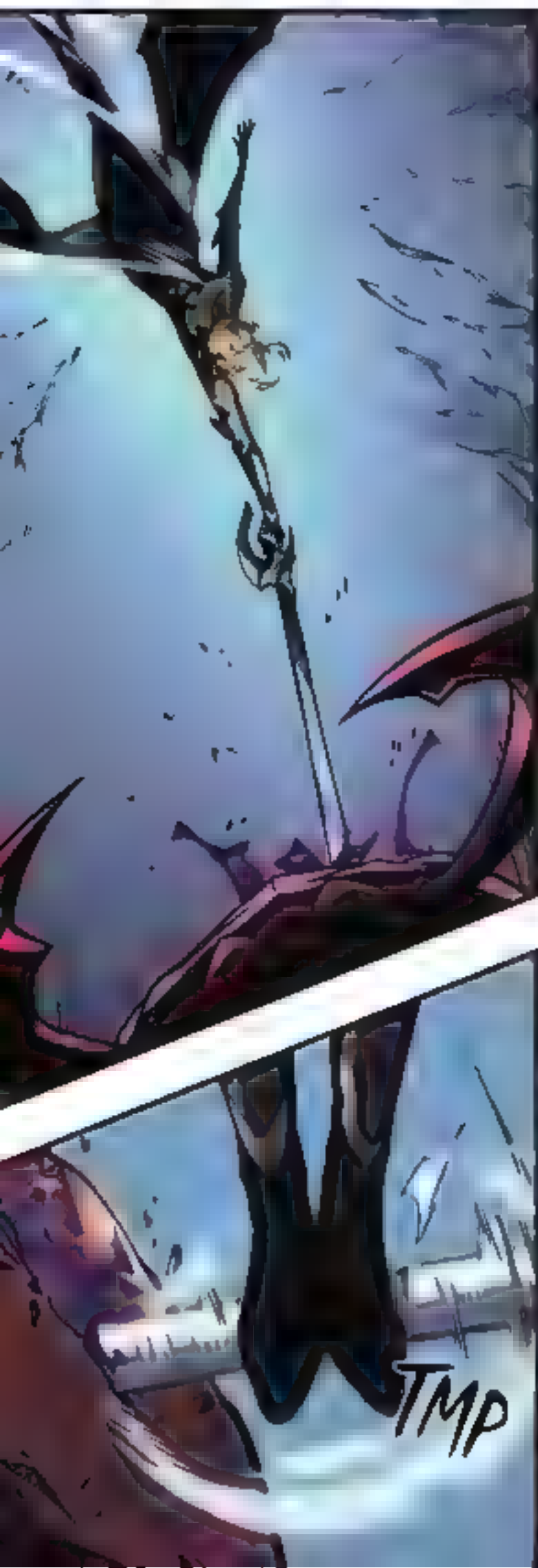
BUT
THEY'RE
STILL MAGIC
BEASTS.

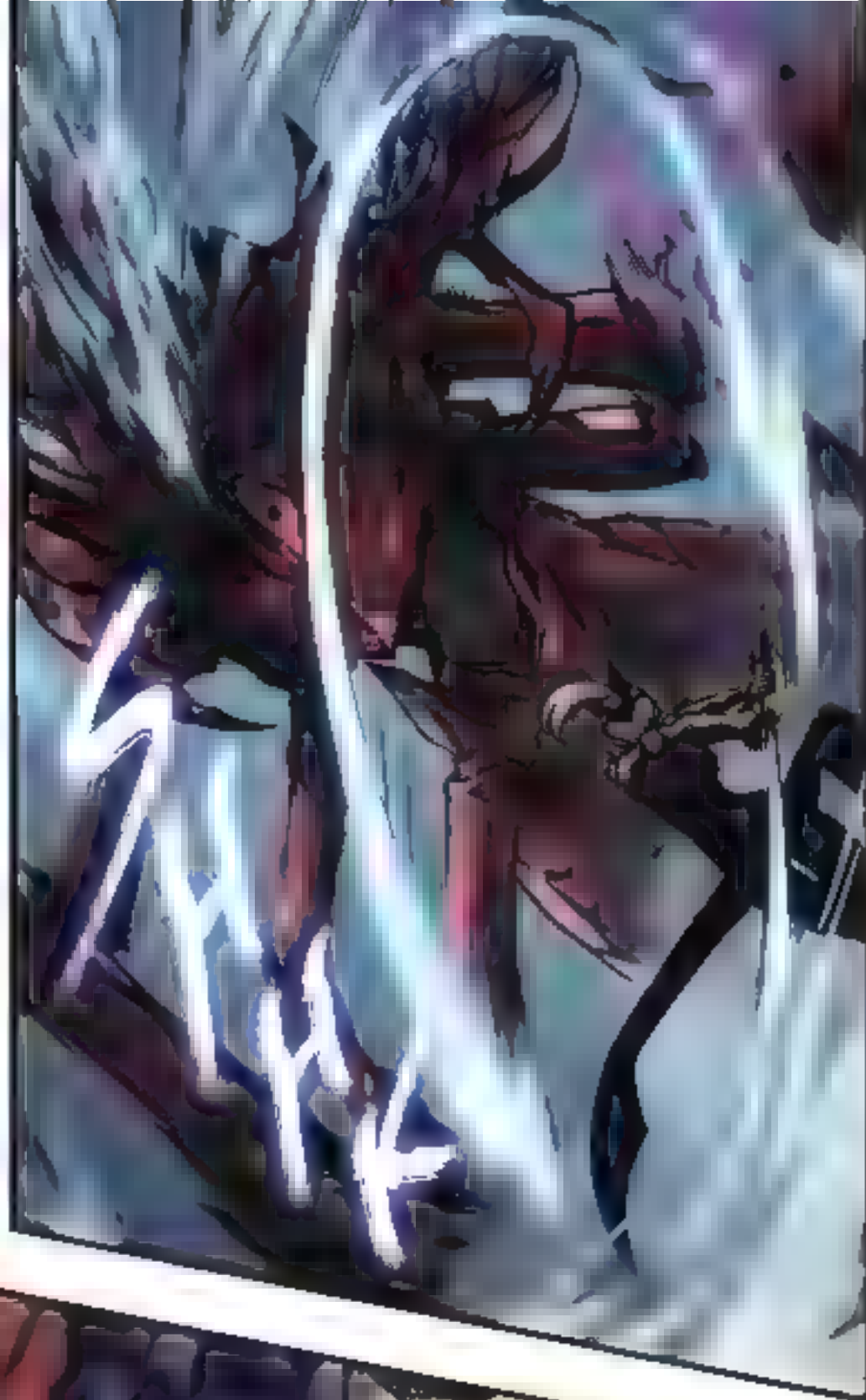
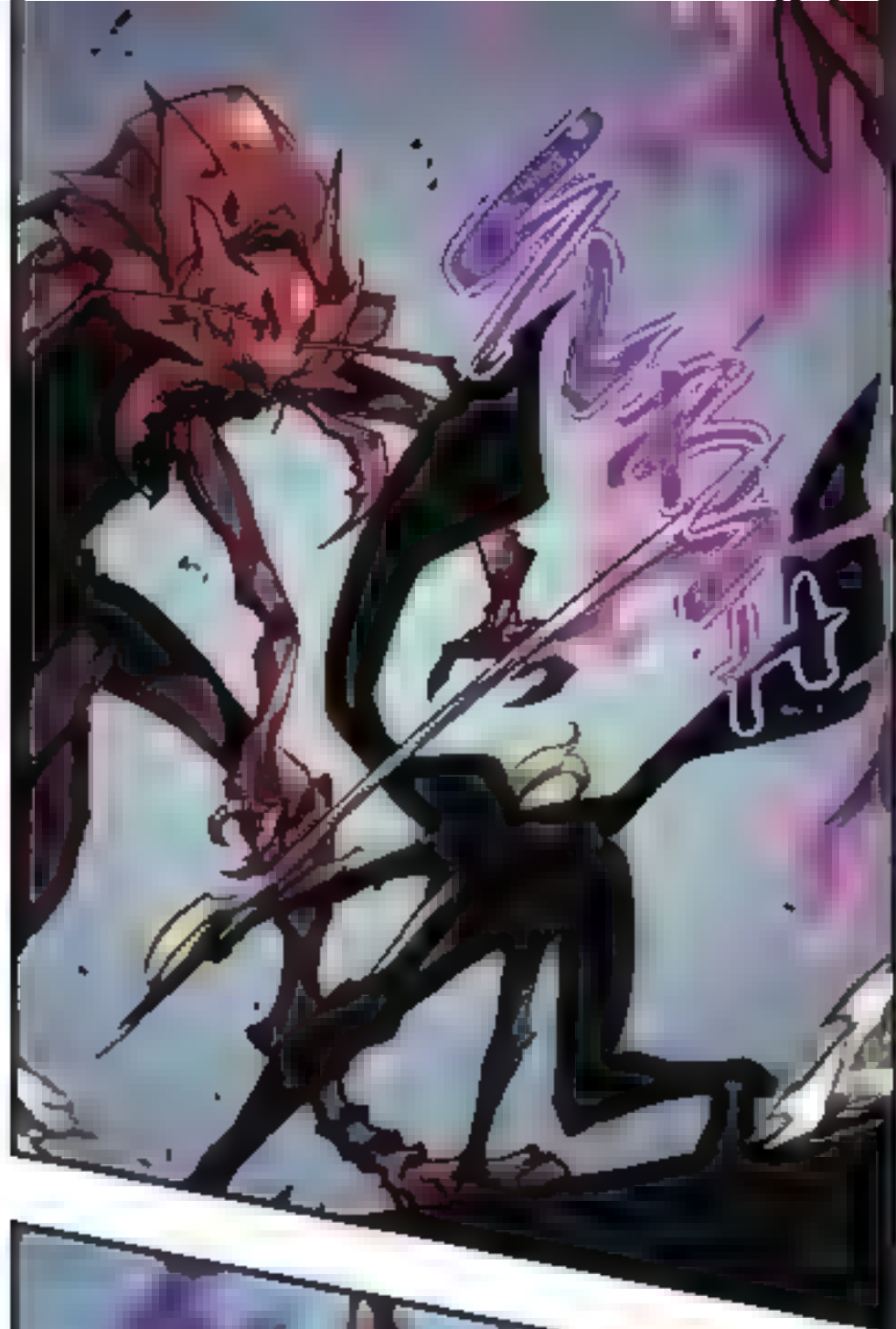


UNLIKE A
HUNTER, WHO
CAN EMPLOY
DIFFERENT
STRATEGIES...

...THEIR
MOVEMENTS
ARE SIMPLE!

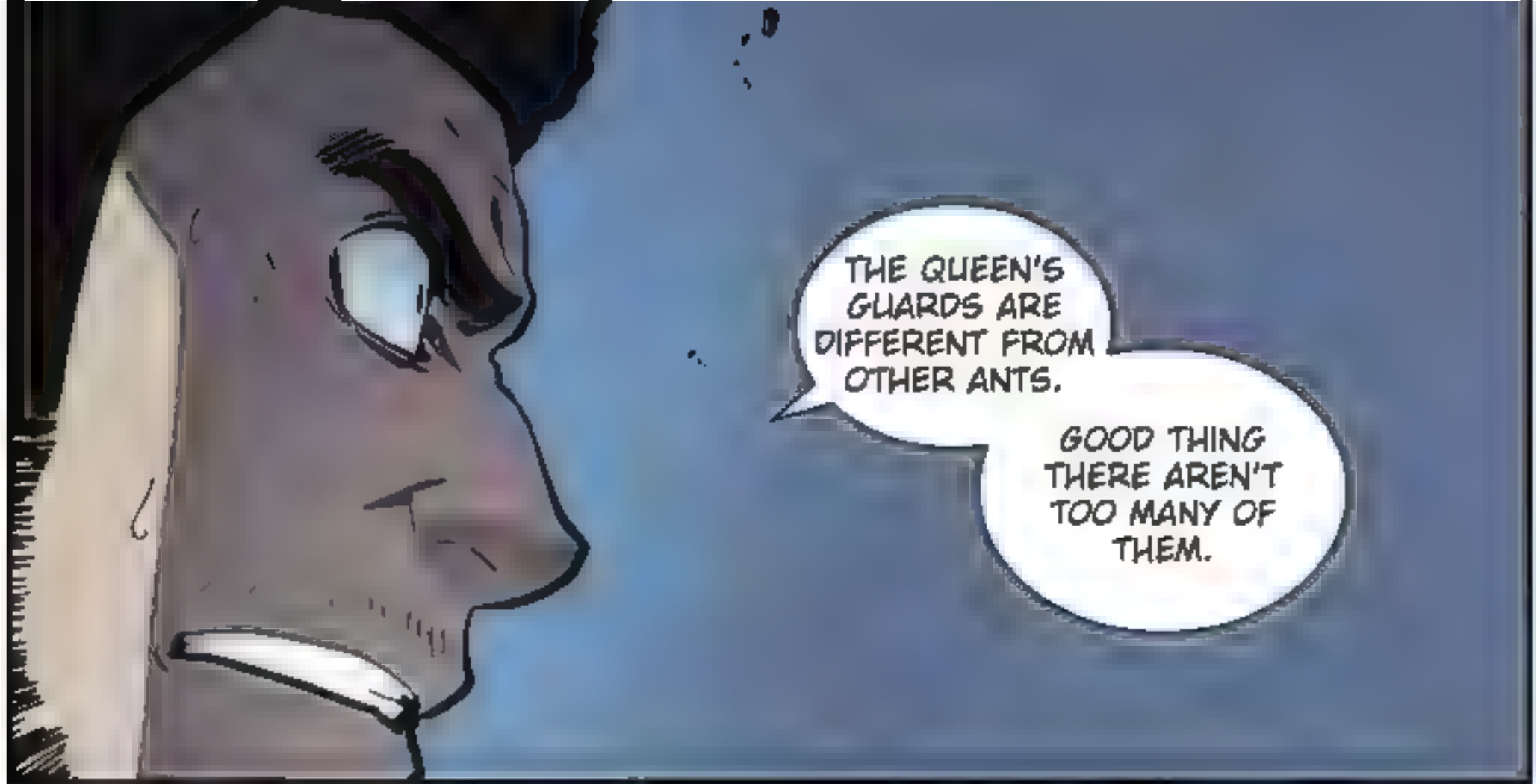
SLAM





THESE ANTS
ARE QUITE
HARD.

HARDER
THAN I
THOUGHT.



DID YOU
FORGET? THESE
BASTARDS CAN
STILL MOVE SEVERAL
MINUTES AFTER
YOU CRUSH THEIR
HEADS.

MAKE SURE
THE ANTS CAN'T
USE THEIR LIMBS.
OR KILL THEM
PROPERLY.

R...
RIGHT!

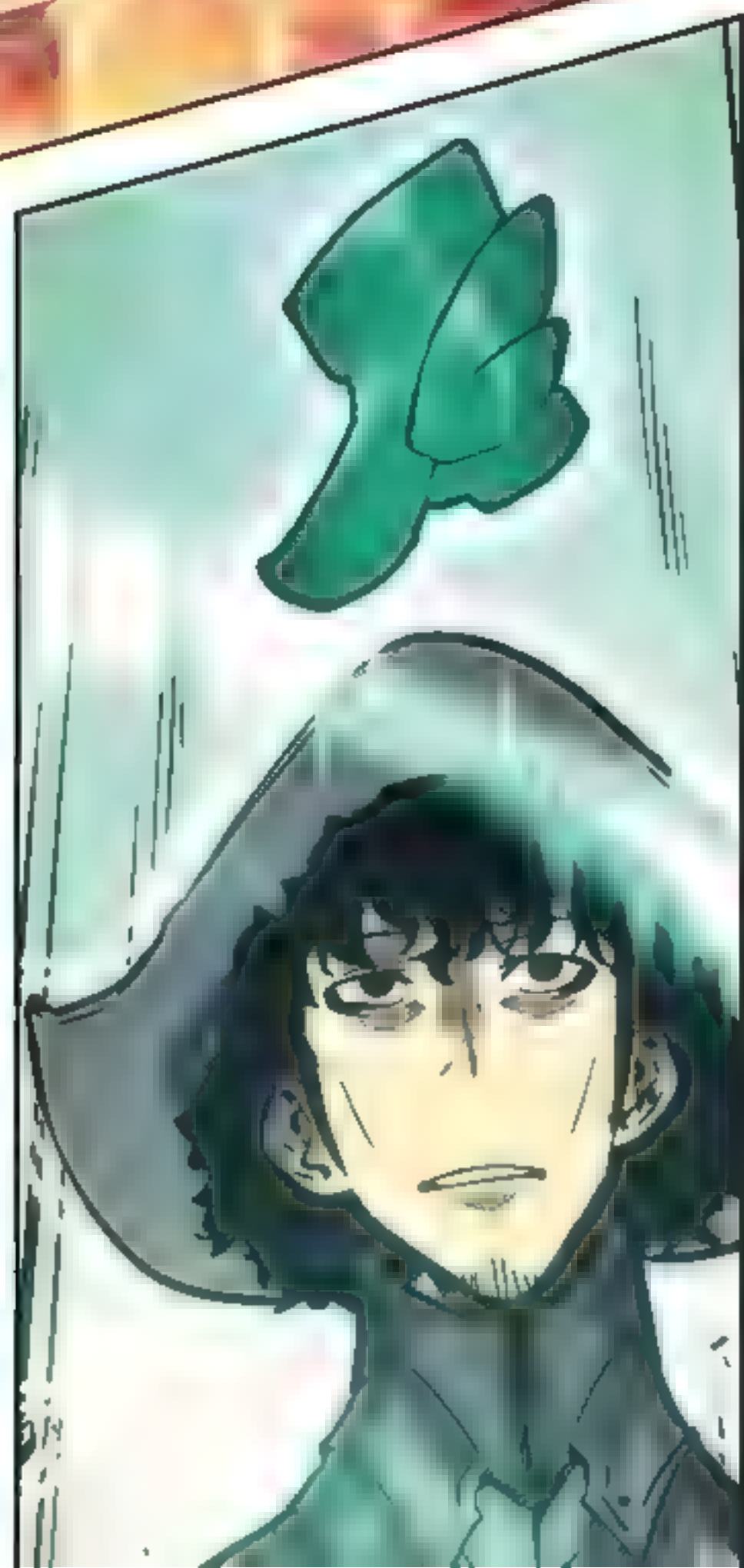
WE HAVEN'T
EVEN REACHED THE
QUEEN'S CHAMBER,
BUT WE'VE ALREADY
ENCOUNTERED
GUARDS.

ONLY, THESE
ARE FROM AN
EARLIER
GENERATION...

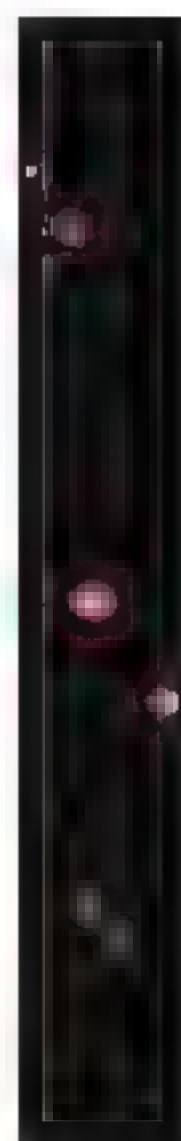
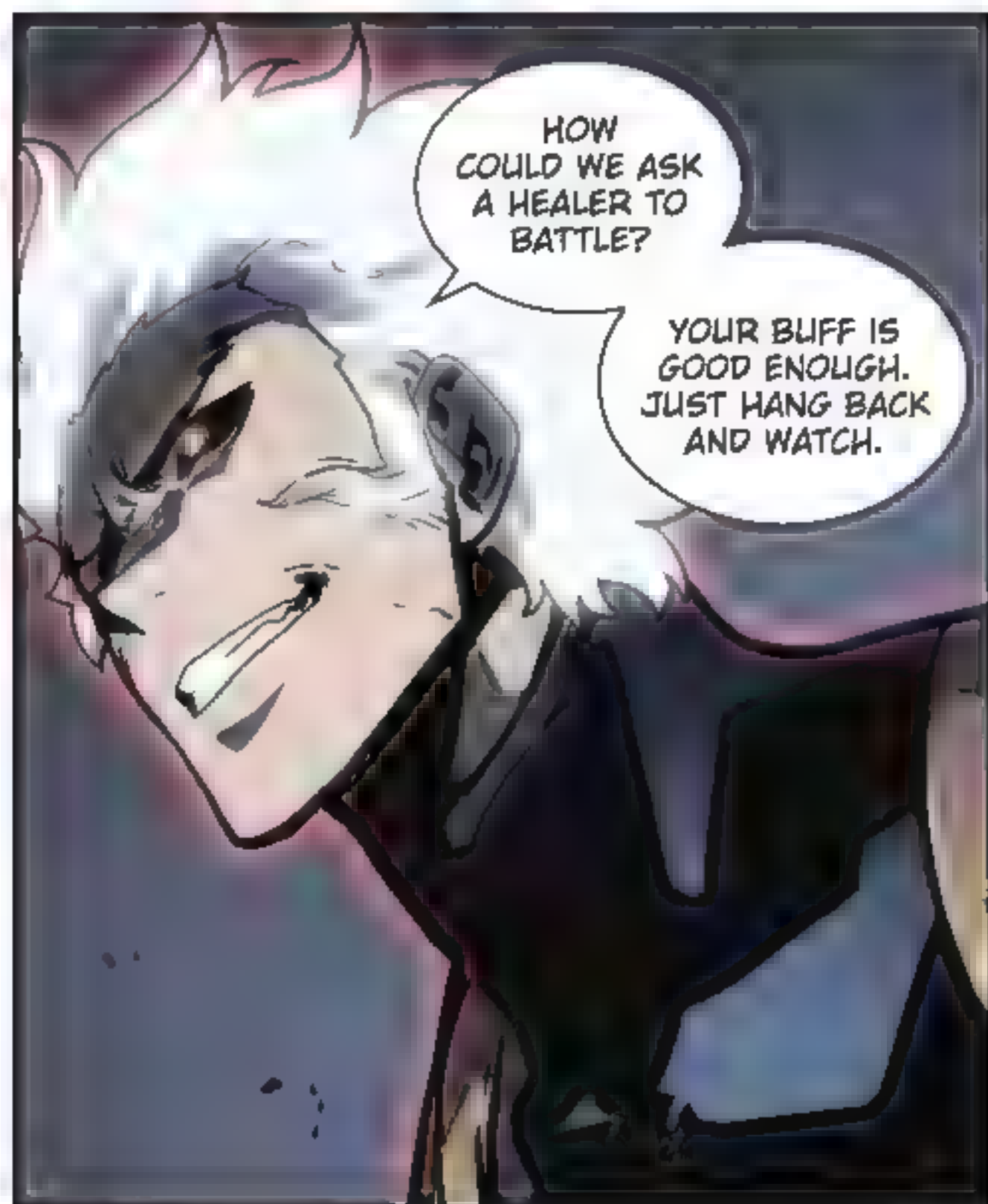
MY GUESS
IS...THEY WERE
PUSHED AWAY
FROM THE
QUEEN.

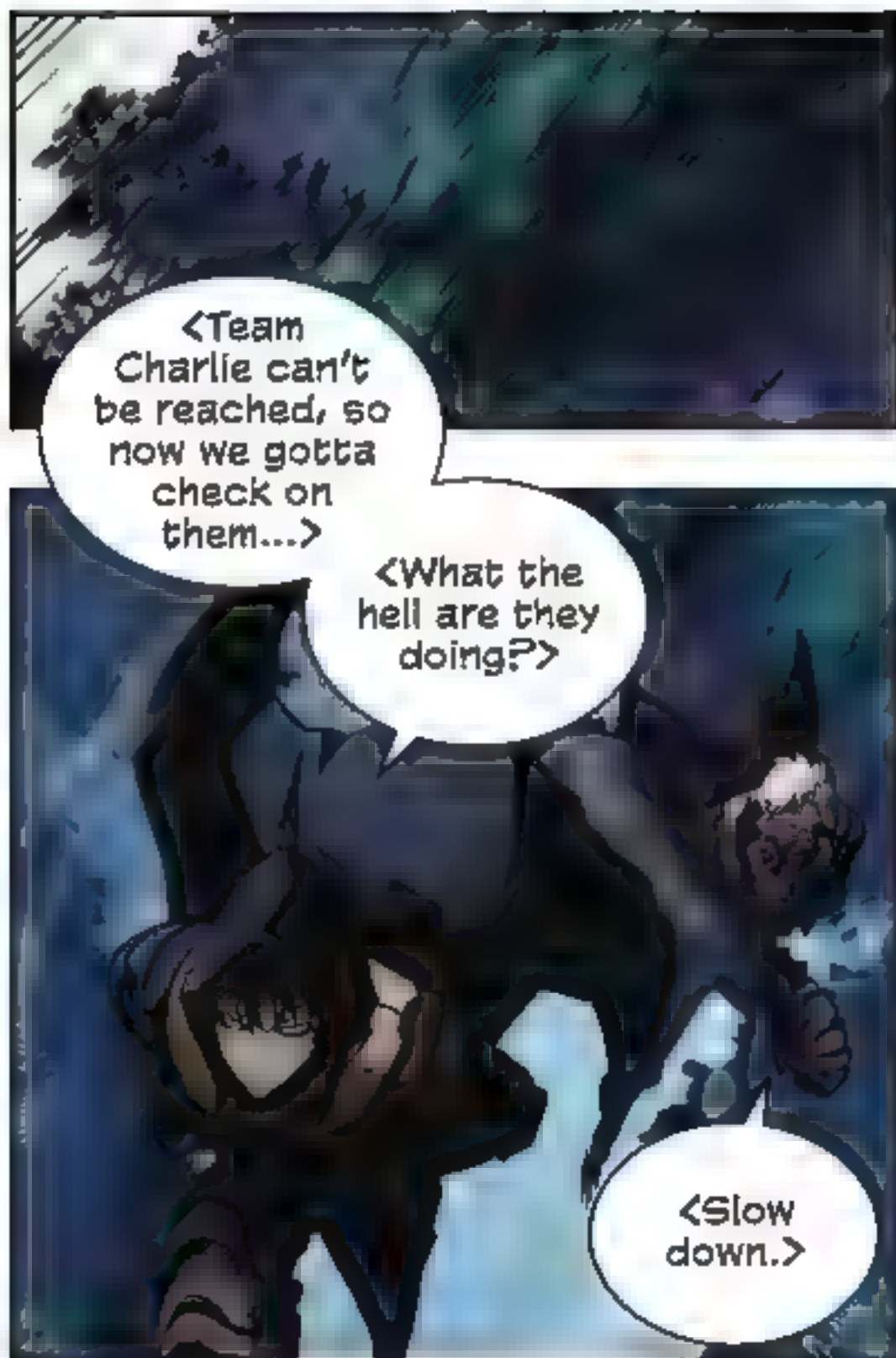
SO THE
NEXT-GEN
GUARDS ARE
UP AHEAD.

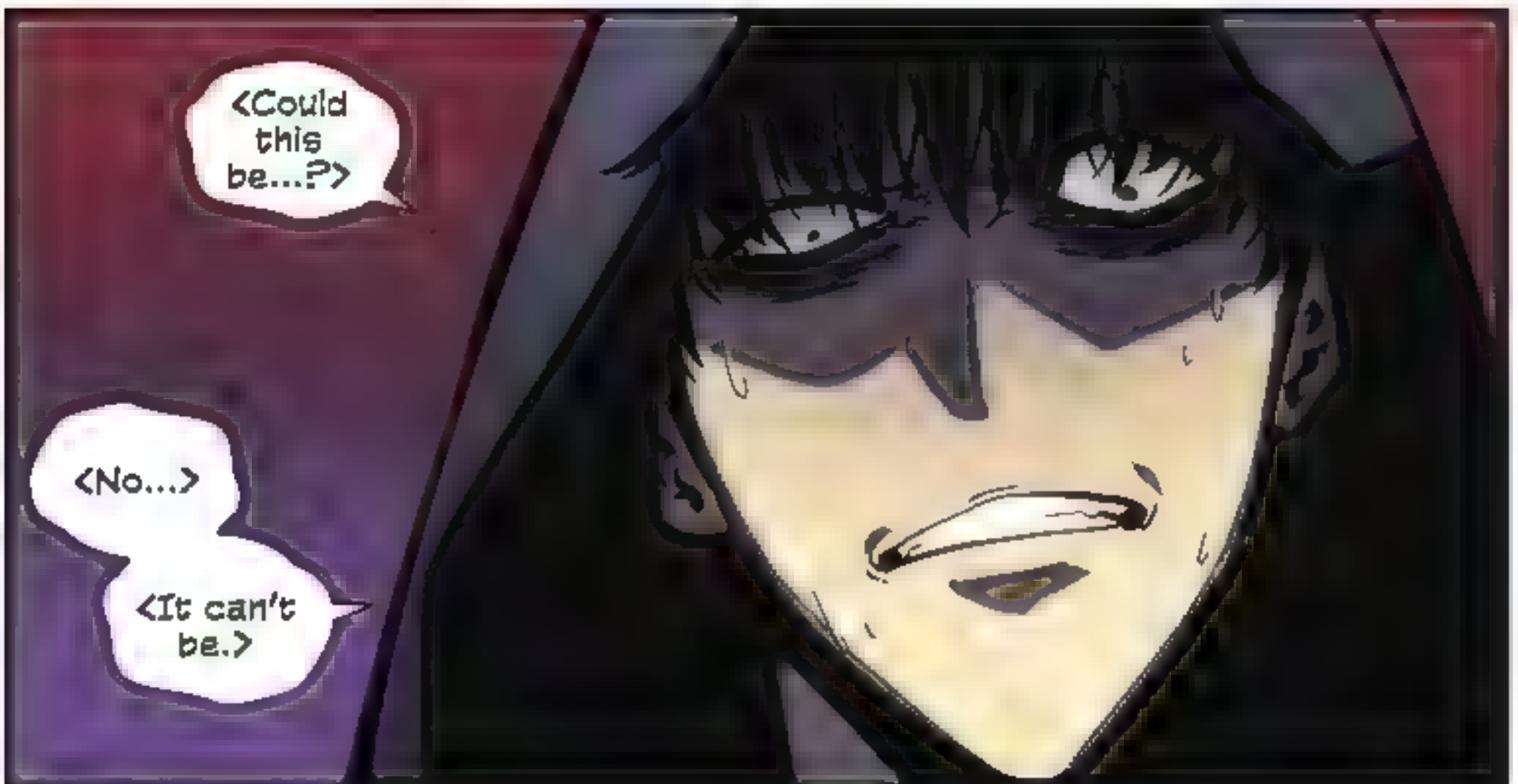
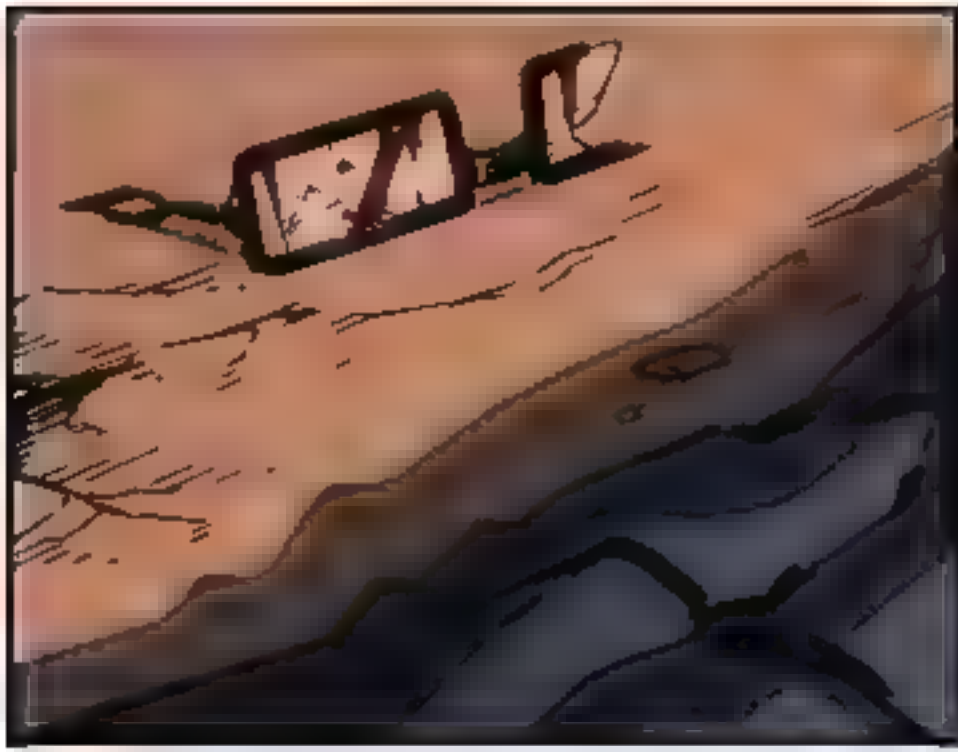
IF THAT'S
THE CASE, WE'D
BETTER GET
READY!





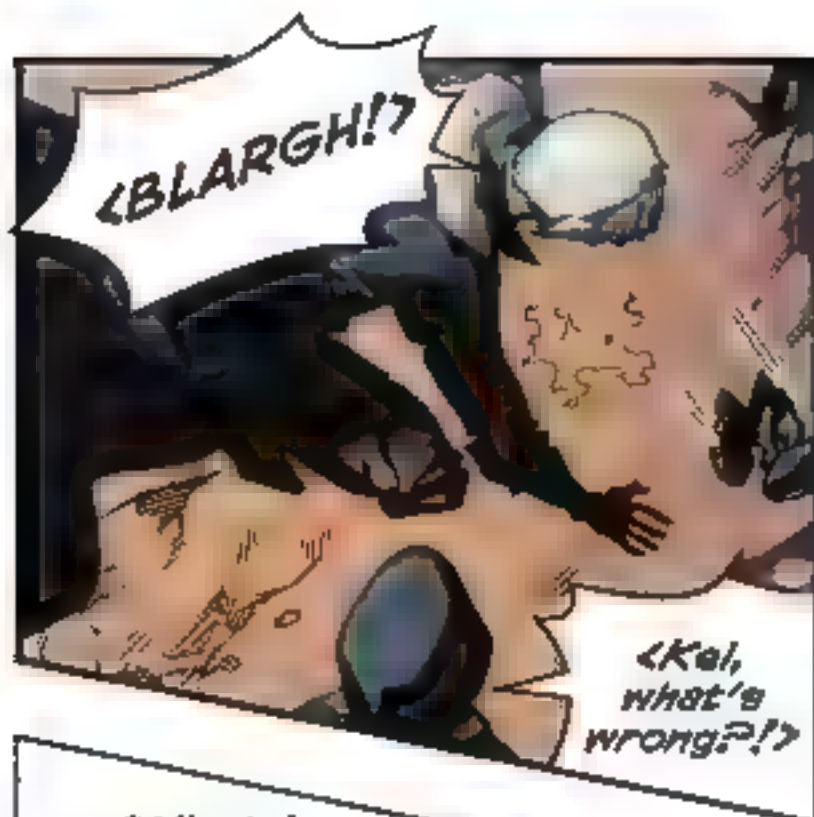








<Guh!>

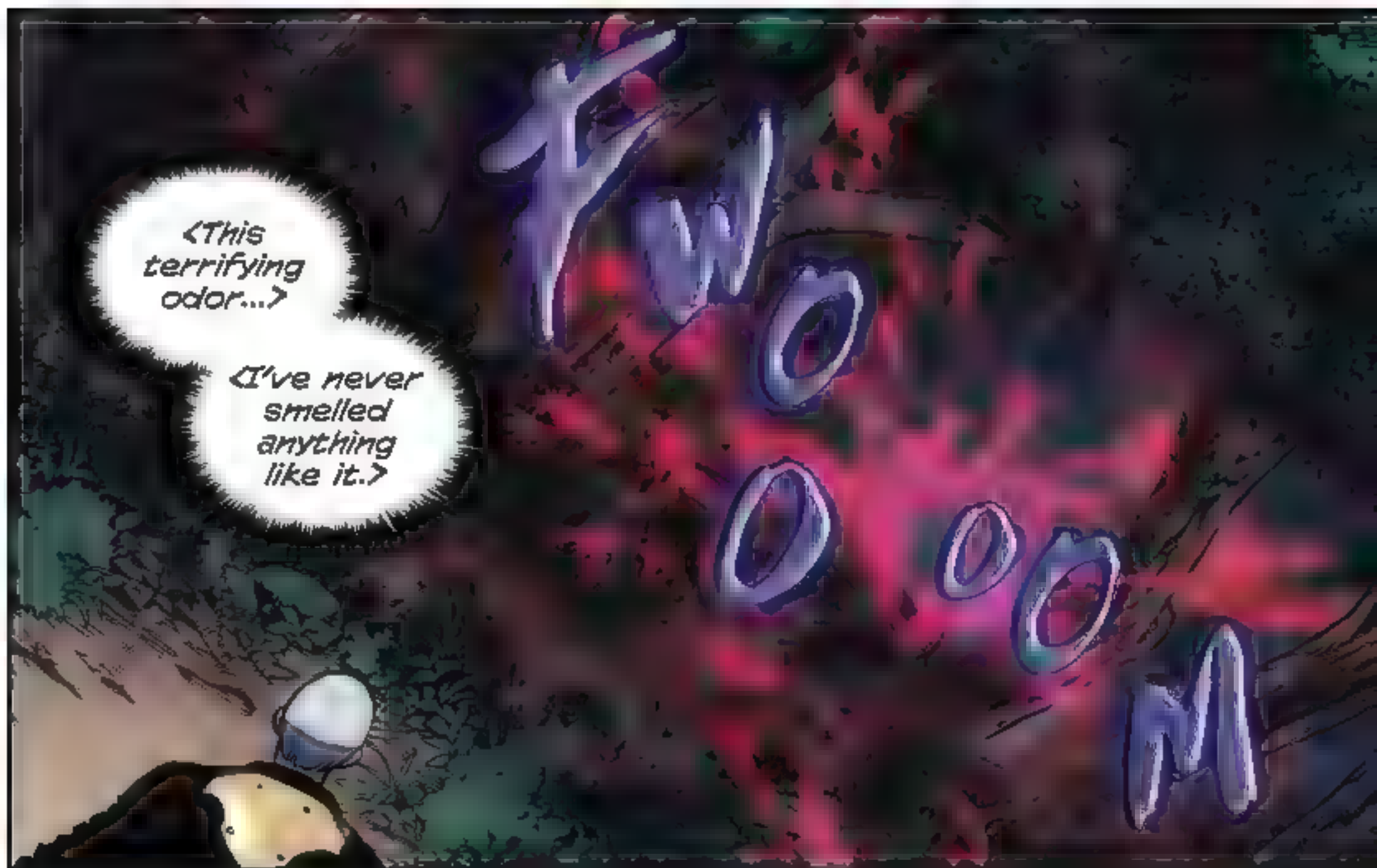


<BLARGH!>

<Kel, what's wrong?!>



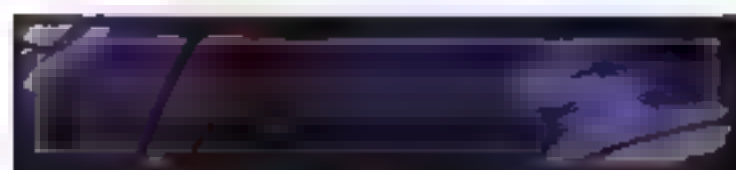
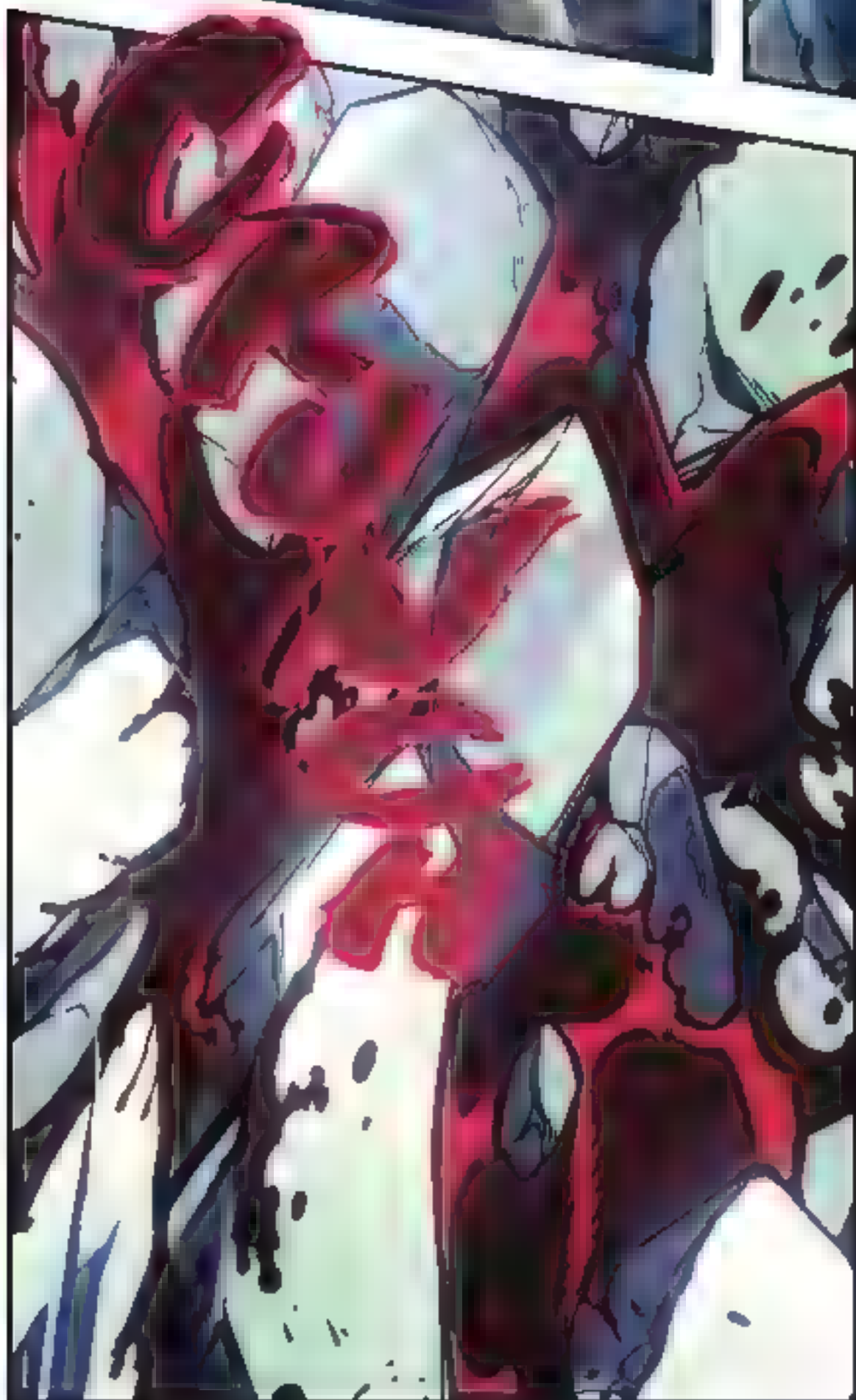
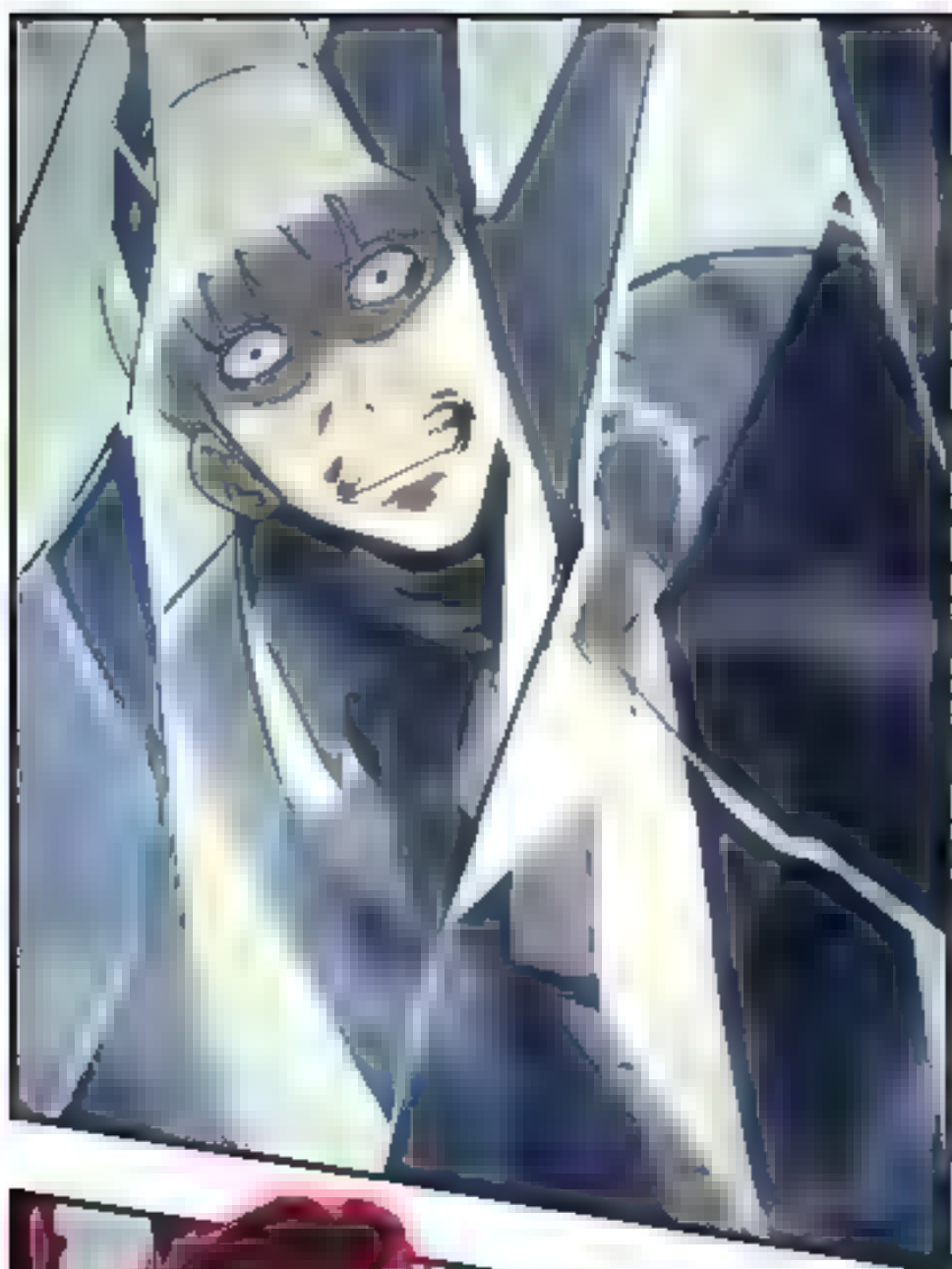
<What is that horrible, nose-stinging smell...?>



<This terrifying odor...>

<I've never smelled anything like it.>







IN THAT SHORT
SPAN OF TIME,
SHE PROBABLY
BUTCHERED TWICE
AS MANY ANTS
AS I DID.



IT TOOK
US FIFTEEN
MINUTES TO
GET HERE.

IT WILL PROBABLY
TAKE US LESS TIME
GETTING BACK
SINCE WE'VE GONE
THAT WAY ONCE...

...SO WE
HAVE THIRTY
MINUTES TO
WORK WITH.

THE
IMPORTANT
THING IS
HOW WE END
THIS...

THE
SMELL...

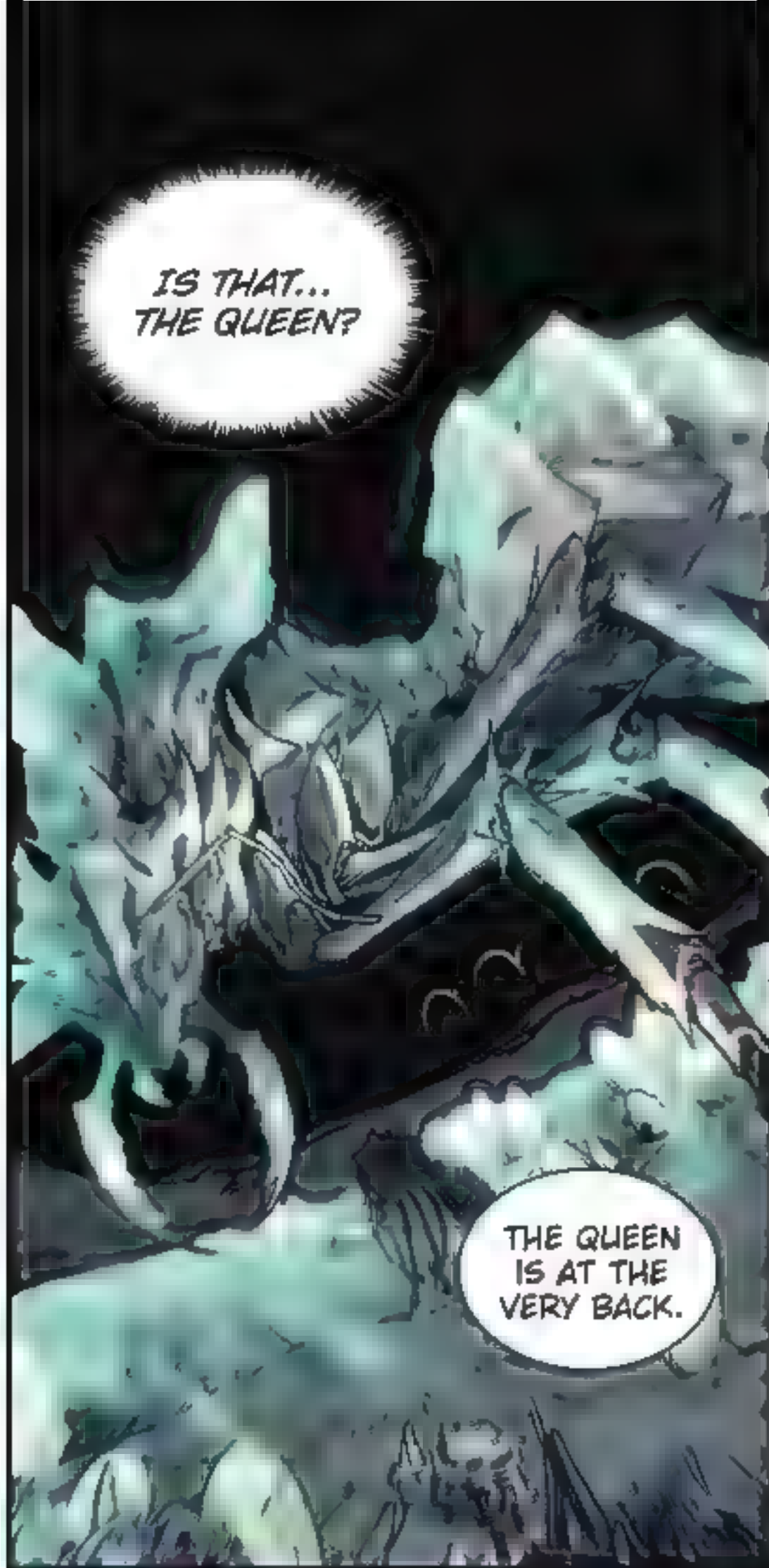
SNIFF
SNIFF

IT'S PROBABLY
THE QUEEN. IT
SEEMS LIKE HER
BODYGUARDS ARE
THERE TOO...

I'LL
CHECK.

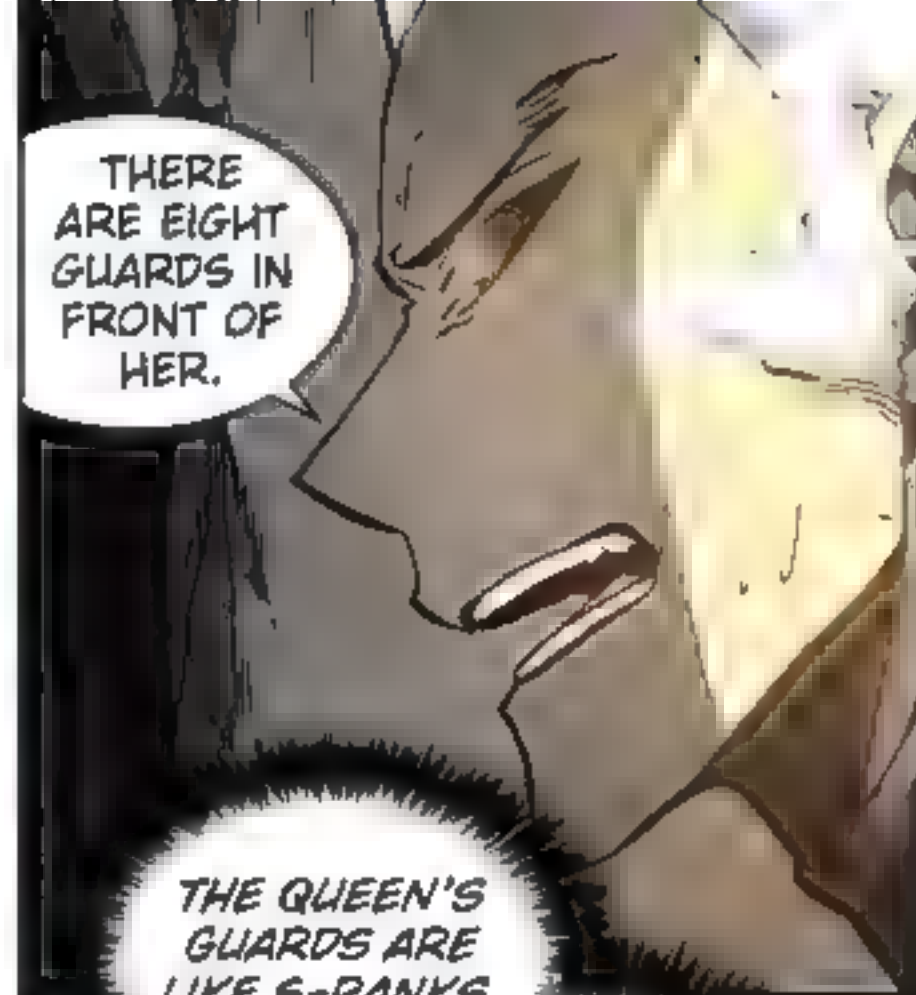
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VMM



IS THAT...
THE QUEEN?

THE QUEEN
IS AT THE
VERY BACK.



THERE
ARE EIGHT
GUARDS IN
FRONT OF
HER.

THE QUEEN'S
GUARDS ARE
LIKE S-RANKS,
BUT...



...THE OTHERS
CAN TAKE CARE
OF THEM WHILE
I HANDLE THE
QUEEN.

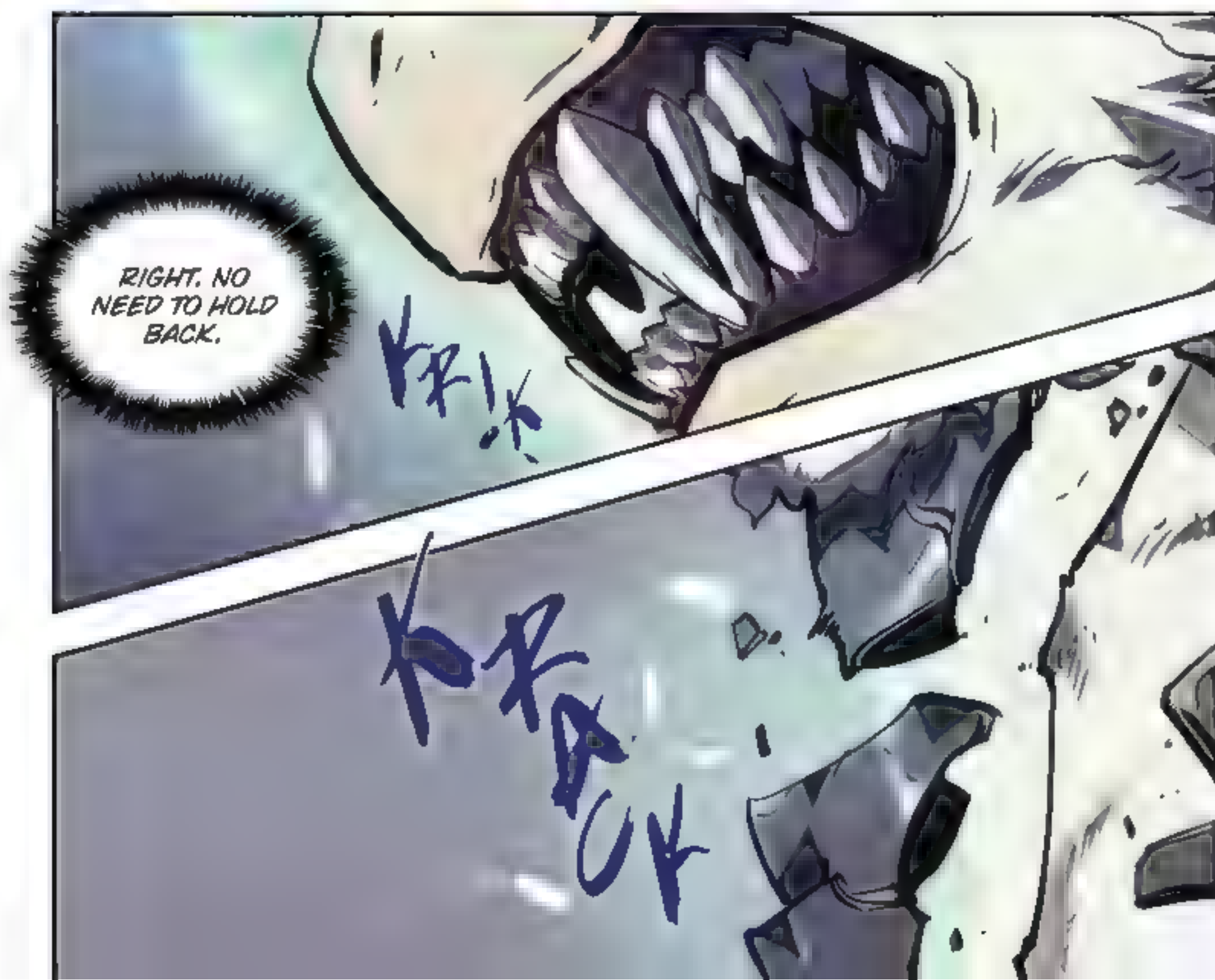
HUNTER CHA,
YOU TACKLE THE
GUARDS WHILE I
DEAL WITH THE
QUEEN!

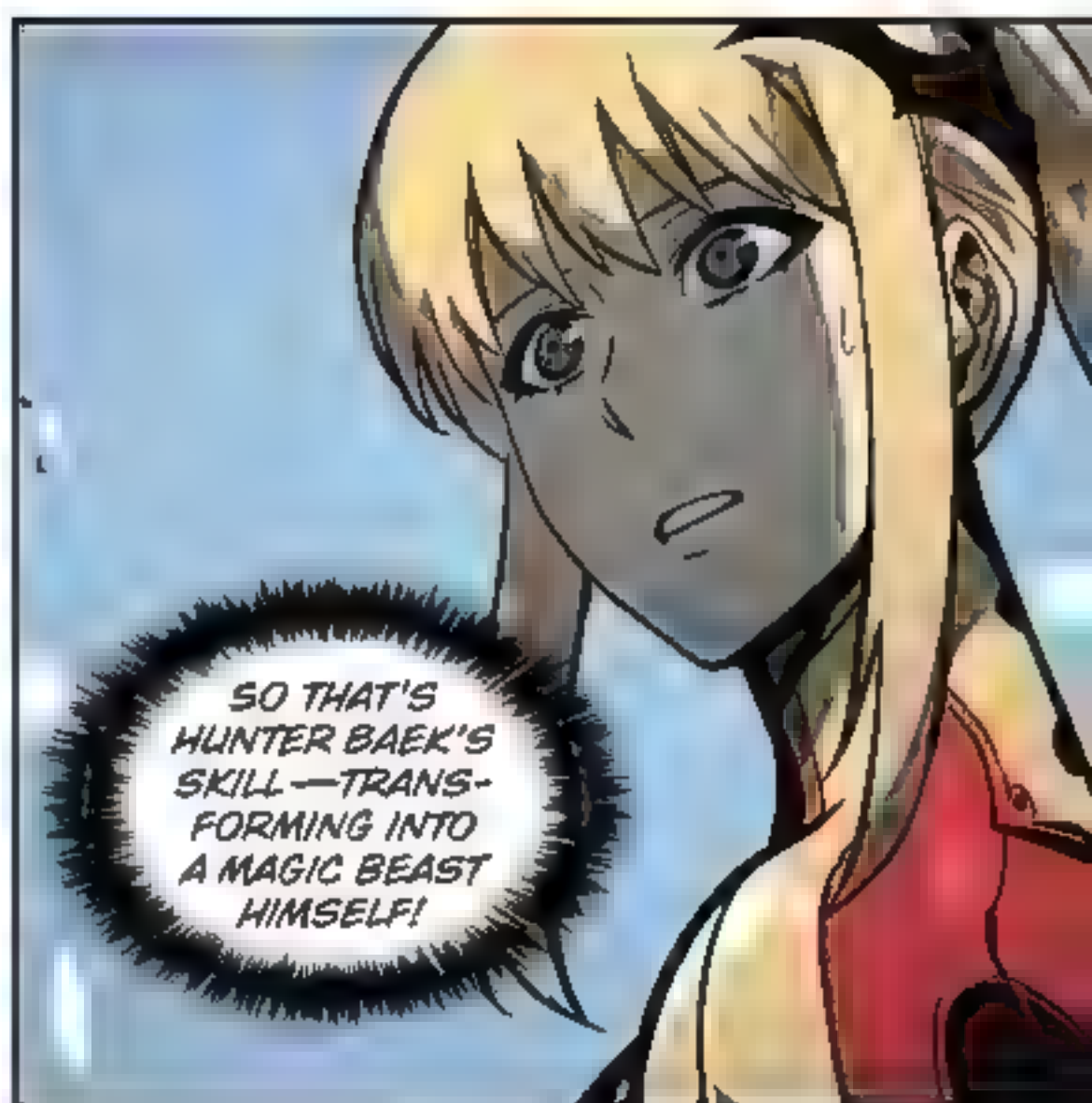
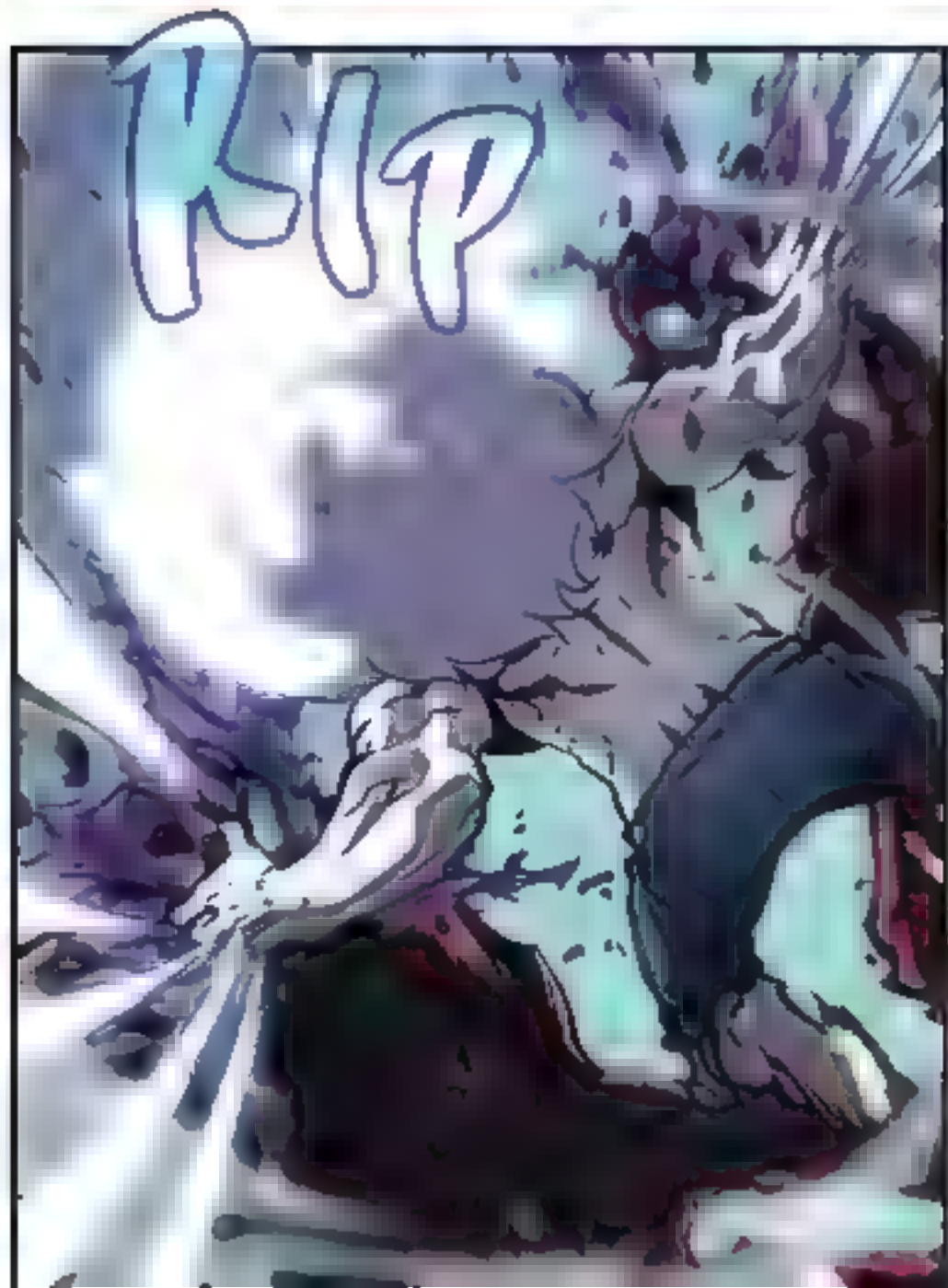
LEAVE IT
TO ME.



I'VE HELD BACK
USING MY POWER,
BUT IT'S HARD TO
RESTRAIN MYSELF
TODAY.









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THE UNEXPECTED
HAS HAPPENED
ON THE JEJU
ISLAND RAID!

THIS
TERRIFYINGLY
POWERFUL
ENERGY...
IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!



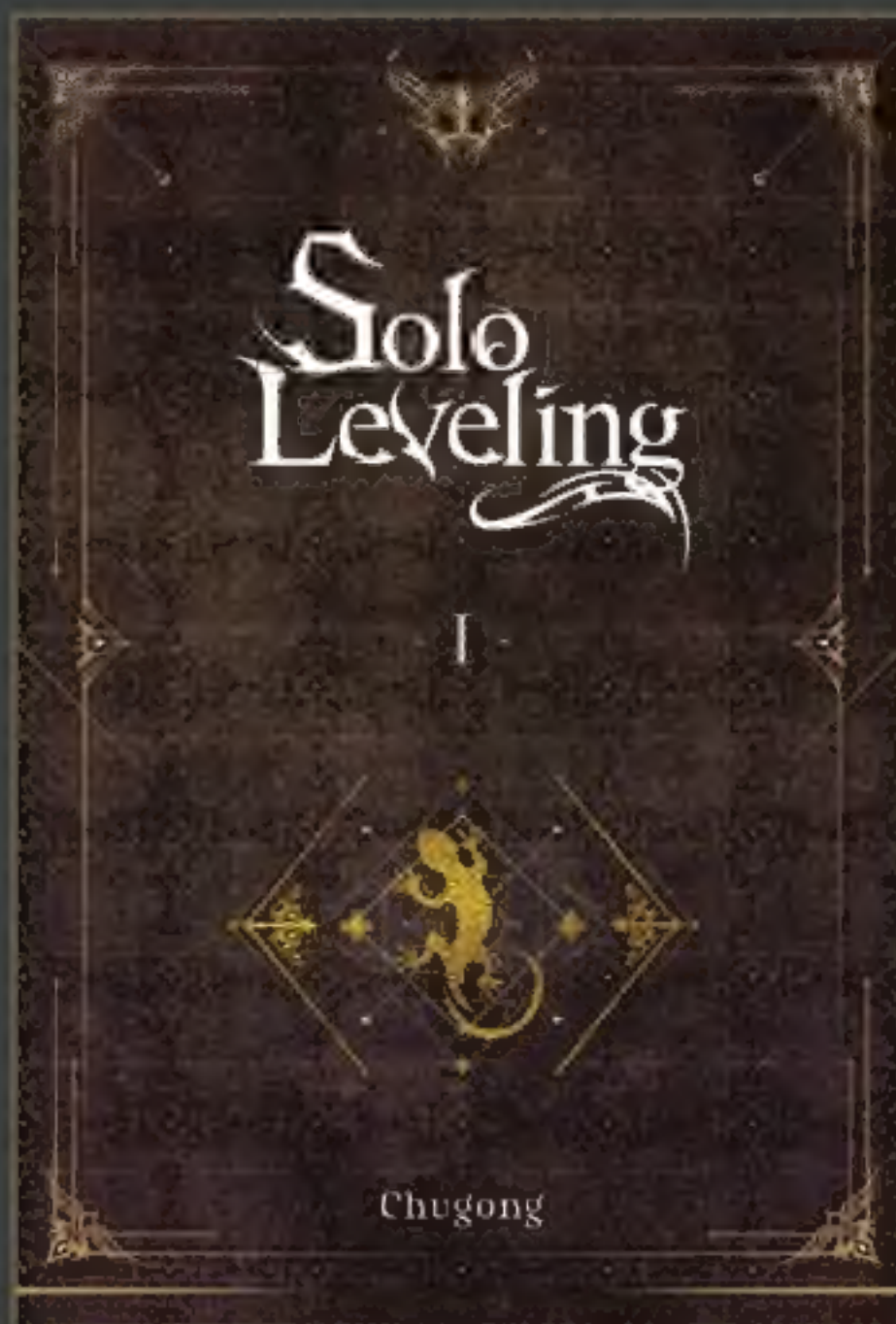
IN THE MOST
DESPERATE
MOMENT,
JINWOO SUNG
STEPS IN!

ARE YOU THE
KING OF THE
HUMANS?

...SO
THE BUG CAN
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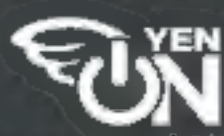
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